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#### THE COVER

Not to be outdone by other magazines, we feature Theta Marlies Gessler on our cover. Formerly of Poland, now a graduate of Florida State University, Marlies is representative of many lovely and loyal Theta alumnæ throughout the world. Story on page 7, this issue.



*Happy Holidays to you all!*



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## *Letter from Letty*

Dear Thetas everywhere,

As we approach the time of the year when we celebrate Founders' Day, it behooves us to pause and consider the value of our membership in one of the oldest and greatest organizations for women in America.

Eighty-six years ago our founders created Kappa Alpha Theta, "the first Greek letter fraternity known among women," as a means by which college students could express and develop their mutual scholastic and social interests in wholesome fellowship. Because of the high ideals and noble aims as set forth in our ritual, this organization has prospered and grown. Today with eighty chapters scattered over the United States and Canada and thousands of alumnæ members throughout the world, our fraternity has become an important influence in the lives of many, far beyond the hopes and dreams of our founders.

The college woman who has had the advantage of developing and maturing through fraternity activities should be able, easily and naturally, to assume leadership and responsibility in her own community and in the world. In the words of Plato—"The strength of a democracy is judged by the quality of the services rendered by its citizens."

We are grateful for the inspiration of our founders in organizing this great fraternity and for the many wonderful women who have given so much of themselves for its growth and development throughout the years. May we, by our efforts, insure its future for others to enjoy and pass on to posterity.

*Letty Henderson Munn*

Grand President



# Fifteen proud years

• Martha Jean Smith Ufer  
*Illinois State Project Chairman*

This year Illinois Thetas celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Illinois State Project for Handicapped Children. It was in 1942 that Mrs. W. I. Brockson conceived the idea and, like Topsy, "it just grew." After a great deal of research for a philanthropic project which would fill a real need and be a challenge to Thetas over the entire state, it was decided that aid to mentally and physically handicapped children met these requirements.

The project functions through a Central Council composed of representatives of alumnae groups, elected officers and committee chairmen who meet monthly in Chicago. From the first meeting to the present time, a medical consultant from the Illinois Commission for Handicapped Children has met with us, presenting cases and needs which cannot be met by state funds or existing agencies. This consultant presents a complete picture of every case before any funds are appropriated. Progress reports on cases previously aided are furnished so members can know the results of their assistance in bringing new life and hope to hundreds of handicapped children in Illinois over the past fifteen years. The files are full and overflowing with wonderful and heartrending letters from the children, their parents, and many others who know of Theta's rewarding efforts.

Work falls into four general categories:

1. Assistance to the Illinois Surgical Institute.
2. Aid to the Illinois Children's Hospital.
3. Aid to various clinics for specialized handicaps.
4. Assistance to individuals cases.

At the Illinois Surgical Institute in Chicago, orthopedic cases from all over the state are hospitalized. Children often remain there for many months, sometimes years. One of the first services the Project attempted was a monthly birthday party which still continues. Ice cream and cake are provided with favors of some sort, and a gift to each child whose birthday falls in that particular month. Alumnae groups take

the responsibility of these parties, play games with the children, and sometimes provide entertainment such as a clown act, music, or a magician. The children love Theta's birthday parties.

Over the years a great deal of equipment has been provided for the Surgical Institute: recreational equipment, cripple carts, toys, games, books, magazines, record players, records, television, and clothing (both new and used). A doll is given to each little girl, and alumnae groups have made hundreds of doll layettes as well as hundreds of garments for the children. At Christmas time each child receives a gift which is frequently the only one he receives, and alumnae groups make special donations at this time. Easter eggs and Valentine cookies are sent to celebrate those holidays.

During the summer of 1954 a recreational area was developed on the roof for the children and furnished with umbrellas, tables, chairs, sand boxes, and a wading pool. Last summer another such outdoor patio was provided on the ground floor.

The Illinois Children's Hospital-School in Chicago has received our assistance since 1946. Indeed, Thetas worked for the passage of the bill creating the school by state legislation. It is a home, hospital, and a school for children from pre-kindergarten through high school who are so severely handicapped that they cannot attend any established school of special education. Its growth has attracted nation-wide interest and other states are following Illinois' lead. Through the years we have given much in equipment and any number of folding wheelchairs, purchasing clothing for children who owned literally nothing. At Christmas time these children are remembered with gifts and books. For the speech clinics at Rockford, Augustana and Normal, Illinois we have purchased tape recorders, audiometers and other requested equipment.

Jacksonville Pre-School Blind Institute has long been one of our interests. A clinic is held



each June for the parents of pre-school age blind children. They attend with their children and learn therapy to be given in the home prior to the child's admission to specialized state schools. We have provided phonographs, records, modeling clay, and life-sized dolls dressed to certain specifications for use in training the blind. Funds are given for transportation to the Institute of many parents and their children who could not otherwise attend.

We have given scholarships to a number of mentally-retarded children to attend private parent-run schools whose parents could not afford the tuition.

Illinois Thetas have helped several hundred individuals with a large range of handicaps. In the last year alone we purchased four pair of orthopedic shoes, two wigs for totally bald youngsters, a glass eye, a prosthesis, surgical hose, a hearing aid, toys, clothing, six wheel-chairs, and speech lessons. We are proud of the fact that Theta's Illinois State Project solely

sponsored two institutes for counselling parents of mentally retarded children last summer.

On May first of each year a brochure is sent to every Theta in Illinois asking for her financial help in filling our "May Basket." However, the bulk of our funds comes from projects of alumnae groups throughout the state. Bridge parties, cocktail parties, dances, fashion shows, and benefit sales have all been held recently. The greater part of the funds derived from group projects is earmarked for the national project of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita.

Those who have worked in the Central Council of the Illinois State Project through the years can realize and appreciate how we have met in part the great need of the handicapped children of Illinois, and we feel that as college alumnae we are fulfilling one of our Theta promises to "meet the higher and broader demands of mature life." The work is truly rewarding.

## *Grand Council*

of

Kappa Alpha Theta

announces the colonization of two chapters to be known as:

Gamma Omega, Alabama Polytechnic Institute

January 25-27, 1957

Delta Delta, Whitman College

March 15-17, 1957





*Banta's Greek Exchange*

The weary but happy Phi Gamma Delta team, winner of last year's race, was sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta. In the center is President Herman B. Wells (Sigma Nu) who takes keen interest in the race and the scholarship program it supports.

## The Little 500

Well, Theta did it! They backed the winners. Competition runs strong at Indiana University in the spring as the great day of the Little 500 Bicycle Race draws near, and Theta sponsored the winning team of Phi Gamma Delta last spring before a crowd of 10,000 excited spectators.

Actually, *The Little 500* has become the biggest weekend of the year at the university, although it may seem odd that such popularity should be based on bicycles, a means of transportation which had almost become extinct on campus. The bicycle race, copied in almost every detail from the 500 Mile Race at the Indianapolis Speedway on Memorial Day, was the brain child of Howard S. Wilcox (Howdy), an ATO with a unique idea on how to raise money for scholarships through the Indiana University Foundation. As the son of a former

winner of the Indianapolis Speedway, Mr. Wilcox saw an opportunity to capitalize on a Hoosier tradition to provide, not only wholesome activity on campus, but a source of scholarship help for students working their way through school. He had worked his own way through school, and his ideas concerning the scholarships have been carried on by the present Director, William S. Armstrong, a Sigma Nu.

The night before the big race, there is another exciting development—the tricycle race between sororities, conceived by Pi Phi. Last year there was almost 5,000 spectators for that event, called the *Miniature 500*, with Kappa winning that competition for the last two years.

The morning of the race itself, Theta and Delta Gamma have their own little feature, the *Little Little 500*, with each team member steering with one hand, balancing an egg in a



spoon with the other. The prize? An egg beater!

Sigma Alpha Epsilon honors the commercial sponsors of the bike race (after all, these things cost money) by entertaining with an open house the night before the race. ATO serves a Saturday morning breakfast. Theta Chi sponsors a Friday night Bicycle Bounce, and Acacia holds an ice cream social on their lawn. Since the entire community is intensely interested in the event, the Bloomington *Herald-Telephone*, local newspaper, gives a buffet supper for race officials and sponsors.

From this unusual event has come a great deal of state and national publicity in newspapers and on national television broadcasts. Colored films are made of the event, to provide programs for alumni groups all over the country. Out of the *Little 500* has developed one of the most unusual awards presented by the university to any person from off campus who

has done the most in the past year for the student body. It is called the "Big Wheel Award" and fittingly enough, the first such award went to the late Wilbur Shaw, world-famous race driver. Although Shaw was not a college graduate, he called himself "Indiana University's Orphan" and was made an honorary ATO.

The race requires rigid training by the athletes who participate, and most housing units now own training bikes on which they practice throughout the year. It takes tremendous endurance to pedal the 200 laps around the track, changing riders at the pits, and keeping both men and bikes in condition. Not all teams pass the qualifications, for only 33 teams can take part. It is quite an achievement to be one of the 33. It is an honor, indeed, to end up in the winning ten. Theta is not only proud to have sponsored the top winner last year, but they probably wouldn't have missed the thrill for anything!

## *All in a day's work*



Which Four Are the Phonies? If you look closely you'll see that the living dolls are left to right: Barbara Wells (Gamma Zeta), Sue Fleming (Beta Phi), Sue Thomas (Lambda) and Lois Hogue (Lambda). All eight modelled college clothes from the College Shop, Lord & Taylor, N.Y., last summer.



# Modern Cinderella

• Barbara Hendrix  
*Beta Nu Chapter*



Marlies Gessler

It started like a whirlwind, the fame that made a cover girl of a young beauty from Poland.

Marlies Gessler, a recent graduate of Florida State University, has relived the story of Cinderella in modern style. She was born in Poland and lived there until 1945 when the country was invaded by the Russians. The Gessler family was separated in the process of leaving the country, and for two years Marlies was in a German youth camp. Upon reunion with her mother the two made plans to come to the United States.

In 1951 Marlies and her mother arrived in America and came to live in Monticello, Florida. One year later she entered FSU as a freshman and joined up with the school's famed circus "Flying High." In September, she was unknown but by November, the SAE's sponsored Marlies for Homecoming Queen. After winning this contest, *Life* became interested and featured her on the cover and in the December 15, 1952, issue. As a result of this she modeled dresses for Kay-Windsor all over the midwest.

The second year Marlies spent at school saw her pledge Kappa Alpha Theta, elected to sophomore council, a service organization, and elected the *Sophomore Hop Queen*. She also won the *Miss Tallahassee* title during the year. Her junior year brought more titles. Once again the SAE's sponsored her, this time for the *Orange Bowl Queen*, and she was picked as

one of the princesses. She was chosen for the beauty section of the annual and copped the Military Ball and Junior-Senior *Prom Queen* titles. In fact, her titles began to get too numerous to mention and Marlies said, "I've had too much publicity for doing nothing special."

The following summer, Marlies was chosen *Miss Florida* for the *Miss Universe* contest of 1955. She went as far as the finals in this contest and then left to finish her education without investigating a single TV or movie offer made her. Marlies' college life wasn't all one round of beauty contests for in her senior year she was secretary of the Men's Senate and was elected to *Who's Who in American Colleges*. She received her B.A. in art in 1956 with an over-all average of B plus.

Since graduation Marlies has worked as a fashion coordinator in Burdine's, a large department store in Miami. She has also added another title and that is Queen of the International Sports and Outdoor Show which was held in Chicago. The entire state of Florida sponsored her this time.

A Cinderella indeed is Marlies Gessler. The difference is that at twelve o'clock her coach won't change into a pumpkin, but grow bigger and better simply because a girl like Marlies is in it.



# Quotables

*Ellen Hofstead*

**On Goals:** The threefold aim of our fraternity should be ever before each chapter as it evaluates itself. Is your chapter really promoting high scholarship? Are your members maintaining the highest standards of conduct? Are you developing in your individual members leadership and the understanding that comes as a result of cooperative group living? Are your members acquiring a real responsibility for service? If you can truly answer these questions in the affirmative, then your chapter is living up to the trust bestowed by its charter.

In considering the college campus of today we see that with the greatly increased enrollments our chapters are getting larger, thus requiring more time from members not only to administer the chapter business but to keep up with the momentum of competition on campus. These situations point to a need for better trained leaders and a careful evaluation of program.

**On Alumnae Service:** In considering the trends of the past I know that many of you seated before me today will be asked in the years to come to assume positions of even greater responsibility than those you now hold. I hope that you will accept these positions if at all possible, and that you will accept them with only one objective in mind—that of unselfish service to your fraternity because only by such service beyond self can our fraternity hold fast to the ideals that are a source of its greatness.

**On Criticism:** In this struggle of collectivism versus individualism the fraternity as a voluntary association is a favorite target. We must be fortified to meet these attacks with a real knowledge of what a fraternity is and is not. It is a close knit family type group whose members are chosen on the basis of congeniality and a common purpose. If they are not so chosen, the unity of purpose of the group as a whole will be lost. A fraternity chapter has friendship as a basic element, not a byproduct. It is neither a campus activity group or a student government group as many are trying to say. Fraternity membership is a personal privilege



Ellen Hofstead

and not a civic right, since membership in *any* voluntary association is not an inherent right.

*Evelyn Tunnicliffe*

**On Ritual:** Today in our upset and insecure world, college students more than ever feel the need to band together with those of similar ideals, aims, purposes and interests. The fraternity system serves this purpose. As we take part in our Theta services, we realize that the aims, ideals and purposes that those four college women of 1870 set for us have survived time and fit today's world just as well as the world of 1870. Our initiation service makes us realize



Evelyn Tunnicliffe



that here are new Thetas ready to take up the torch and carry on for those who have come to the end of the road.

One chapter advisor has stated that a good fraternity member is made at the time of her initiation and in proportion to the perfection of the presentation of the ritual. This places a very serious responsibility on each college chapter for the proper presentation of our rituals.

**On Housing:** Housing covers a wide field and is becoming a much discussed subject. Reports have been coming from colleges and universities all over the country concerning the expected increased enrollment in the next fourteen years. (For instance: the University of Michigan with over 17,000 students today expects to have an enrollment of over 40,000 in 1970.) With this in mind, the fraternity system faces a problem both as to housing and making fraternity membership available to greater numbers.

### *Margaret Banta*

**On Selection:** Like all other clubs and organizations we are, naturally, selective and have the complete right to choose our friends and associates. It is ever wise to remember in our selection of members that they ought to be completely satisfactory to our chapters internationally. There is a tremendous amount of transferring, and we are responsible to chapters other than our own. This we can best do by



Monnie Banta



Jessie Ray Hanna

adhering to our national policy, being certain that each girl is well recommended. . . . Joining a fraternity means an initiation, not into a chapter, but into an international organization. The chapter may cease, but the fraternity endures. The strength of the fraternity lies in the recognition of its solidarity.

**On Panhellenic:** Fraternity means to me the cementing of Panhellenic alliances and the promoting of Panhellenic ties. We are all satisfied that every fraternity has excellent material, and that the support and good will of Panhellenic is a mighty fine adjunct to our strength.

**On Undergraduates:** The college girl I see is becoming constantly wiser and more thoughtful. She is trying to remember the girl who has been left out; she is trying to assimilate the sister who cannot adjust. . . . Clear-eyed, earnest, loyal, lovable and capable—that's what our Theta undergraduates mean to me!

### *Jessie Ray Hanna*

**On Loan and Fellowship:** The awareness that professionally and socially a broader base in education is necessary makes a liberal arts degree a must. Specialization, to be effective, should be done on this background. The emphasis in choosing candidates for the fellowship and scholarship awards is on quality and ability to cope with the challenge of a fast-moving age. Among these girls is the potential leadership of the fraternity. They will influence the cultural and social life of the communities of tomorrow. They must be encouraged in their college years and acknowledged in their later careers.



## Two Women Architects

### Marion Manley

• Beatrice Washburn

*Miami Herald*



Marion I. Manley

Why don't more women go in for architecture? Marion Manley (Delta, Illinois) one of the few who has made a success of it, says she hasn't the faintest idea.

Long a resident of Coconut Grove, Marion moved there around forty years ago, and *is one of the four women in the country to be elected to the College of Fellows in the American Institute of Architects*. She is even the proud possessor of a citation for that honor—a scroll to hang on the wall and a ribbon with a medal on it to wear around the neck.

One of the most modest professional women in existence, Marion is not one to give out with the life story. She even fights to the bitter end all efforts to take pictures of her new house on Battersea Road.

"It isn't even finished yet," she declares sternly. "Wait another 10 years and we will have photographs. I may not be around then, but the house will."

Architecture demands the whole man, she asserts, or the whole woman. The hand, the

heart and the brain are involved and no matter how strong our sex may be on heart and brain, we often lag when it is a matter of fitting bricks, making T-squares, handling masonry in the raw. Architecture isn't merely a knowledge of Gothic arches, rose windows, building Florida rooms or fitting restrooms in a skyscraper. Lots of it is good, hard manual work, says this woman who is responsible for many of the glamor homes around Miami.

Aside from dormitories, office buildings and theaters, she, sometimes in conjunction with Robert Weed and Robert Little, has also to her credit three super modernistic homes, that of Philip Wylie, Stanley Rinehart in South Miami and of Sam Bell in the Moorings.

Her achievements range all the way from the Italian theater at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota to the Student Union at the University of Miami; from the Ring Theater in Coral Gables to St. Albans Nursery in Coconut Grove. During World War I she even held a job with the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the U. S. Shipping Board designing ships.

Tall, brisk and overpowering, Marion, skilled in everything pertaining to building, takes complete charge of the workmen, masons, plumbers, carpenters and bricklayers, who swarm over a house under construction. She is not above taking the shovel or the hammer right out of their hands.

They didn't have degrees in architecture when she earned her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Illinois. She came on down to Miami to join up with a firm and learn it the hard way. Forty dollars a month was her salary when she worked for the deGarmos, then drew sketches for Carl Fisher in the days when Miami Beach was young.

Those were the times of Spanish architecture,

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## Gertrude Sawyer

• Ruth Dean

*Washington, D.C. Sunday Star*

A tall, poised, soft-spoken Washington woman architect who once assisted in housing 14,000 WAVES during World War II is an example of the fact that sometimes the best advice to take is your own.

If she had taken her father's advice Gertrude Sawyer (Delta of Illinois) might not now hold the distinction of being the only woman reserve "Seabee" officer and a successful architect in civilian life.

When she was still a school girl back in Kansas City, Mo., Gertrude told her father that someday she wanted to be an architect. Feeling that architecture was certainly not a woman's field, he tried to dissuade her.

Recalling his words in an interview in her Georgetown office recently, Gertrude said her father in his sincere concern for her choice, told her "no one would trust a woman with building a house—the roof might fall in."

By the time she reached college age, she was still determined. So as a compromise, she agreed on landscape architecture as her major at the University of Illinois, where she got her bachelor of science degree. A further year's study in town planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Landscape Architecture only intensified her desire to be a full-time architect.

One day in drafting class, the professor caught her trying her hand at drawing building plans instead of park sites and wryly commented: "Very interesting, Miss Sawyer, but quite beside the point."

It was far from being "beside the point" to Gertrude and a bombardment of letters home pleading for a chance to achieve her heart's desire finally won her father's consent. She got her master's degree from the Smith College Graduate School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

There was no further question of her father's

confidence in her will to succeed when after her return home she got a job in an architect's office, designed and built a house and sold it—all within the year.

She came to Washington in 1923. By 1934, she had established her own architectural practice.

Gertrude Sawyer is not conscious of any discrimination against women architects. She recognizes the fact that "people who don't want a woman architect just don't come to you. But others see the advantage of your being able to interpret their individual needs because you are a woman. For example, every woman has her own way of doing housework or cooking. That's what makes domestic architecture so interesting. No two jobs are alike. You must adapt a house to the personality of its owner."

Probably no greater confidence could have been expressed in her ability than when she was called to duty by the United States Navy in World War II to help them meet a serious housing crisis.

She'd given up her practice at the beginning of the war to go to work in the engineering department of Fairchild Aircraft company in Hagerstown, Md., when she got her surprise call to duty.

Organization of the WAVES and their eventual concentration in large numbers for duty here brought on the housing crisis. There were several men architects in the Civil Engineer Corps, but the public works officer of the Potomac River Naval Command thought women architectural consultants could better understand the needs of the 14,000 WAVES that had to be housed.

Gertrude heard the call and gladly volunteered for duty. She and Lt. Kathleen F. Lux were the only two women architects on duty

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### Marion Manley

high walls, arches, colonnades, a blank surface from the street so you could never tell whether it was a palace or a cottage back where bouganvillea grew and probably a fountain was splashing. Everything for the family, nothing for the public, was the attitude. We had borrowed the idea from Mediterranean Europe and adapted it to our climate, says Marion Manley.

"Today the emphasis is the other way around," she says. "Everything for the public. Let the family go hang. Picture windows, glass walls, open swimming pools means that the family is on display from dawn to dark.

"And after dark, too, when the floodlights are on and everyone sitting around looking at TV. There isn't much room for privacy in modern houses. It's all very well, of course, provided everyone in the family wants to do the same thing at the same time. Rough on the introvert or the artist who would like to creep away from the gang and read, or meditate or just have a few moments of contemplation!"

Practical and down to earth as she claims to be, there can be little doubt that the darling of her heart, the project that has enlisted her affection as well as her imagination, is the tiny Asolo theater, which was brought over, like a precious jewel, all the way from Venice in 1950 and set up like a play theater in the John and Mabel Ringling Museum in Sarasota.

The little horseshoe playhouse, with its three

tiers of tiny boxes is not only a part of history but sparkles like a jewel with its great crystal chandelier hanging from the ceiling, the ornate and curving walls of the boxes, framed by carved and gilded scrolls against a background of soft green.

Built in 1798 in memory of Carerina, a queen of Cyprus in the 15th century, the theater was abandoned by the residents of Asolo in favor of a modern motion picture house named for Eleanora Duse who lies buried in the little room.

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### Gertrude Sawyer

with the "Seabees" as the Civil Engineers Corps was popularly called. Lt. Lux is no longer in the reserve, so that leaves Gertrude Sawyer, now a lieutenant commander, the only woman reserve CEC officer.

Most of her work involved the adapting of building interiors already planned and constructed by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, so they could become temporary homes for women.

She exercised ingenuity and thrift. One lounge was equipped with "stripped ship" furnishings from the *Normandie* and USS *Manhattan* which had been converted for troop transport duty. Other barracks she furnished with tables and chairs secured from Government prison industries.

One of her proud souvenirs of Navy service is a letter of citation from Admiral Ben Moreel, World War II chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, commending her for "the highly efficient manner in which she performed her duties, economically providing suitable and pleasing accommodations for all concerned."

As a reserve officer, she continues her interest in naval affairs by attendance at regular meetings and activities. She and Lt. Comdr. Helen R. Fairbanks, USNR, Bureau of Yards and Docks historian, are the only women in the unit.

"Of course, we send regrets when the unit goes on a rifle shoot or amphibious landing practice," she says, "but we do look forward to the annual Operation Repair activity." The unit spends two days each year making repairs at nearby Maryland and Virginia boys' camps.

### FREE-BORN

We may be kindred to the highest stars  
Or we may linger by a stagnant pool;  
We may glimpse a glory through sunset bars,  
Or choose the thralldom of earthly rule;  
We may hear through the trees the wind's  
spring song;  
Or succumb to allure where shadows throng.

Ours is the choice to know  
Which way our lives shall go

• Jean M. Born



# Thoroughly Theta

• Lottie Canham Hansted

*Long Beach Alumna*

Jean Organ Born, outstanding, loyal Theta, fifth generation American, creative writer, poet and short story writer is a Theta of which we can well be proud. We have been for many years, during her fifty-six years in Theta.

Born in Dutchess County, New York, Jean had her early education in that state. She was married very young to Dr. Frank J. Born, who was planning to receive his M.A. degree from Allegheny; so they both attended college at Allegheny. They remained at Allegheny after Dr. Born received his master's degree, as Director of Physical Education.

Jean became a Theta in 1900, and wears still the Theta pin she wore for initiation. She enjoyed every Theta connection she made during those years that Dr. Born was in Allegheny and in Baltimore receiving his medical education, and later at Yale, where he taught in the Medical College and became a Medical Director of Yale University. She says she saw all too few Thetas as they traveled every summer. One summer they went to England, Scotland, the next to Italy, France and Switzerland. Next year was a Sabbatical year which they spent in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium. They planned to spend their next summer in Greece and Turkey, but World War I put Dr. Born into war medical service.

The year 1919 found Jean and Dr. Born in

Long Beach, California, with Jean hungry for the glimpse of a Theta pin and a chance to meet Thetas. By 1922 she knew a few Thetas and they formed a social group for a few months; then decided later really to organize a Theta Club, which was done with Jean as its first president, thirty-three years ago. She laughingly says "I had a telephone, no children, was willing to work and anxious to get Thetas together." Jean never has lost her enthusiasm. She has fervent Theta spirit, but failing health has kept her from working hard these last few years.

She has had a life full of rewarding work. Jean had a cultural background and has kept up her classes in creative writing, art appreciation, classes along educational lines in Ebell Club, whose Board she has served on, and has followed another of her hobbies, which is genealogy. She still does short stories and poetry. She received in 1954 her Golden Certificate from Theta as a Fifty Year Theta, although she actually was fifty-four years a Theta at that time. It is her proudest possession.

We are proud of having in our chapter, Long Beach's first Theta President, fifty-six years a Theta, never faltering in loyalty and thirty-three years working with us! One of her poems appears in this issue of the magazine (opposite page), and *Memories' Power* appeared in the autumn issue.



## You can't tell by looking

Many Thetas are eligible for their Fifty Year Awards, but it would help if they, themselves, would notify their local group. There are several reasons why . . . and most of them are very human. Members come in from other localities and the local group has no idea when they were initiated unless that information is volunteered. Also, appearances are sometimes deceptive and the length of time one has been a Theta seldom is in direct relation to the way one looks fifty years later. It would be embarrassing to grey prematurely and be asked if you want your Fifty Year Award when you'd only been out of school about ten years!

The local group would gladly send to Central Office for the certificate if the one who is eligible for it would please say so.



# Our wonderful life

• Nita Reifschneider Spangler

*Beta Nu Chapter*

In the European propaganda war, the United States is failing to sell its best commodity: the wonderful way of life in America. So believes Eva Miller Grimes (Rho) of Oxnard, Calif.

Eva has viewed the overseas scene in three postwar trips to Europe. She is well qualified to speak for the "wonderful" way of life in our country. Her own career includes a stint in college journalism, a happy marriage to her college sweetheart, and the rearing of four sons. With her sons now grown and bringing up their own families, she has returned to writing at the *Oxnard Press-Courier*, a Southern California daily newspaper purchased by the Grimes ten years ago when they moved from Nebraska.

Her most recent trip to Europe with her husband took them to major European capitals with 29 American newspaper editors on a commercial tour which had the "blessings" of the U. S. State Department. Starting in Washington, D.C., where they attended a presidential press conference, the tour group visited London, Frankfurt, Berlin (including the Russian zone), Bonn, Vienna, Belgrade (via the Orient Express), Istanbul, Cyprus, Cairo, Athens, Rome and Paris.

They met with U. S. Foreign Service representatives at each city and interviewed local leaders including Prime Minister Anthony Eden, Berlin Mayor Otto Suhr, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, the King and Queen of Greece, and others. They also enjoyed an audience with Pope Pius XII, the first since his illness.

She deplored an atomic power exhibit their showing in Vienna where the U. S. Information Service's efforts were lost in halls void of spectators.

"We are a wonderful, wonderful country; that's what we should sell to the Europeans, not how strong we are," she said. "It is much more important that Europeans like us—and a good deal of them don't like us for many reasons," she added.

Eva praised the U.S. diplomatic representatives in all but two countries. In the Iron Curtain countries and elsewhere in Europe, foreign service personnel she met were alert, hard working and efficient in representing us abroad. She and others in the tour group found the Rome and London delegations disappointing.

In recent talks before California newspapermen, she has urged her audience to "choose the news and play it with a conscience," to sponsor more U.S. tours by Europeans, and to befriend European students in this country. The latter are the picked young people of their countries, she pointed out.

Our earnest observer made her first visit to Europe six years ago when her son was studying in England. She and her husband went overseas again to witness the coronation of Elizabeth II, and at that time visited French battlefields when he had fought in World War I.

In 1914, Eva Miller, a Theta pledge at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln was urged to participate in campus extracurricular activities.



Eva Grimes (second from left) smiles happily with her daughters-in-law and their children. Left to right: Suzanne Olandu Grimes, Eva, Mary Cochran Grimes (Rho), Harriet Smith Grimes (Rho) and Joan McDonough Grimes—to whom Eva dedicated her cookbook.



She went out for the *Daily Nebraskan* of which she became the first woman editor in her junior year. Her marriage to George Grimes, also a staffer on the *Daily Nebraskan*, followed his return from army service.

In her most recent project, "The Mother-In-Law's Cook Book," Eva Grimes has privately

printed her collection of recipes with anecdotes of her girlhood and her married life. The book is lovingly and graciously dedicated to her own four daughters-in-law, two of whom are Thetas. Eva is the charter president of the newly formed Ventura County Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae club.

## And Eva's book

• Betty Briggs

*Book Review Editor*

This book is not for sale! The edition of *The Mother-in-Law's Cook Book* printed in 1955 was limited to 250 copies. When the author, Eva Grimes (Rho) sent a copy by request, it was a fortunate day. Eva is president and her husband, George Grimes, editor and publisher of the *Press Courier* of Oxnard, California. There's more about this unusual Theta on the preceding page, for her philosophy consists of many parts. There's too much material to share with Theta readers all the recipes for delectable meals in her book, but the author's recipe for happy and harmonious living can be repeated from the preface:

"The first major crisis in my married life occurred one morning when George came into the kitchen where I was preparing breakfast. With a critical eye, he watched me measure spoonful of coffee into cold water in the coffee pot. Finally he said, 'H'mmmm! That isn't the way *my mother* makes coffee!'

"My secret opinion of my mother-in-law's cooking was not very high and the one thing she made the worst was coffee, I thought. It was too early in the morning for her to be held up as an example, anyway, what with my first baby on the way and my feeling horrible, to boot.

"My young husband's criticism, however well-meant, was highly resented by his struggling bride. I had been led to expect him to think *everything* I did was perfect. Now I was supposed to pattern myself after his mother! And, womanlike, my resentment was not toward my husband, but toward the innocent victim of his affection, my mother-in-law. It was childish

of me, I know now. But most young brides are still children, emotionally.

"Thirty-seven years have rolled by very quickly since that memorable morning over the coffee pot. I have learned to understand many things about my own mother-in-law from experiences that in turn have been mine, as well as those of every other mother-in-law, everywhere. If one would be a good mother-in-law, she must work at it with all her might. She must be tolerant. She must keep her own counsel, give advice only when it is asked for, keep her fears and her prayers locked deep in her heart. She must be generous with her love and understanding, yearning for some in return, yet never asking for it. She must learn how to stand alone in the shadow of her mother love.

"Remembering the antagonism kindled so long ago, when it came time for each of our four sons to marry and make their own homes, I gave them just this one piece of advice:

"'No matter how much you may long for things you have left in your old home, for our ways of life and our family customs, please never hold me up as an example to your wife. She must always know that she is first in your heart, that no one else quite measures up to her. That is the right way to build a life together. I want her to love and respect me, but we two women will work that out. Be a good husband in every way, and she will be a good wife to you, she will cherish you and care for you long after my days are finished.'

"And now, to my four dear daughters-in-law, I dedicate this little book with my deepest



admiration and love. Each one of you, the blonde, the two brunettes and the red-head are perfect in my estimation. You are far, far more competent than I was at your age. You and your generation have more poise, more intelligence and more just good, common sense than mine ever had. My sons are fortunate that you are their wives and the mothers of their

precious children. Thank you for taking such good care of them.

"This little cook book has been put together for you and your children. They are my treasures, collected over many years, from many friends. . . .

"It is a small legacy to you from several generations of happy living."

## Round Robin

"From coast to coast, from the North to the Southland" came six Beta Iota Thetas to the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel by the Sea, and San Francisco, California to enjoy their third reunion in thirty-two years. Conversation buzzed from morning coffee until mid-night snacks in their hotel suite, during the second week of August.

The five days were spent in sight-seeing and shopping with time left to discover some of the well-known eating places. While in San Francisco the few hours spent in Gump's beautiful store was of special interest to Thetas since our Carol Green Wilson helped to make this store more famous with her book, *Gump's Treasure Trade*.

Members of the "Round-Robin" group who came from various parts of the United States

• Ruth McDonald Smith  
*Beta Iota Chapter*

were: Virginia Antrim Davidson, Hollywood, California; Marjorie Frame Crowner, Pacific Grove, California; Margaret McIntosh Shaw, Las Animas, Colorado; Ruth McDonald Smith, East Lansing, Michigan; Edith Marsh Trotter, Chugwater, Wyoming; and Margaret Loebnitz Worcester, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Through the years the "Round-Robin" letter has recorded the group's "pursuit of Theta ideals toward higher and broader demands of mature life." Since leaving the University of Colorado campus these Beta Iotas have kept in touch with each other's family, community activities, travels, personal joys and sorrows—thus more closely knitting the bonds of sisterhood.



Six Beta Iota Thetas met for a reunion thirty-two years after college.



# *Twine for the Kite*

**June Eide Greiner** (Missouri) conducts a nursery school program weekday mornings on TV (ABC Network Channel 11), sponsored by the National Tea Company.

**Olga Rummel Fry** (Denison) is a research chemist with the Du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., now located at Wilmington, Delaware.

One of the most prominent persons on the political scene (*any* political scene) in Washington is **Patricia Ann Wiggins** (George Washington), United Press reporter. Her father is executive editor of the *Washington Post* and *Times Herald*, from whom she must have received her early training. According to Drew Pearson, Pat can manage to get on the inside of almost every conference and meeting.

Two Thetas hold offices in the National Women's Press Club this year. The above mentioned **Pat Wiggins** is secretary and **Alice Frein Johnson** (Washington U.) is the new national president.

**Fritz Alderfer Helfrich** (Penn State) is with her husband, Alan, at the American Institute for Foreign Trade at Phoenix, learning the language and customs of the country in which her husband plans to work. Also there with her husband, Lawrence, is **Beverly Ellen Purdum Taylor** (University of California at Santa Barbara).

Before Beta Omicron chapter could possibly initiate their pledge, **Jean Seberg**, sister of **Mary Ann Seberg** at Iowa State University, she was called out of classes by Otto Preminger to play Joan of Arc in George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*. Although Jean had been outstanding in school and amateur theatricals, she had had no professional experience until last summer with a stock company.

Winning the role of Saint Joan over 1200 competitors, Jean left for London following her eighteenth birthday in November. The Des Moines newspapers got quite excited over this young sensational actress, and *Life* picked up her story for their October 29 issue, Page 120.



Gerd Elberg of Sweden

The pretty Swedish student, **Gerd Elberg**, who attended Washburn University on a Scandinavian-American Foundation scholarship and who gained such deep affection from the chapter there (where she lived in the Theta house for a year) is now assistant buyer for Macy's new store in Mission, Kansas.

**Elizabeth Hathaway Givvens Aleman** (Newcomb) has been assisting Dr. Rudolph Matas, emeritus professor of surgery at Tulane University, for the past twenty-five years. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation recently commending her "long and faithful service as historical and statistical assistant to Dr. Matas in his researches on the medical history of Louisiana and in his renowned studies of the surgery of the vascular system of the body."





Virginia Underhill of Richmond

On the cover and throughout the pages of the November issue of *Today's Secretary* was **Virginia Crosby Underhill** (William and Mary) who was featured as typical of the many working wives who combine homemaking with a career. Ginie is secretary to the director of advertising and publications at Southern States Co-operative, Inc. in Richmond, Virginia.

**Coll Quigley Kamprath** (Nebraska) and her husband, Will, were written up in a six page picture story for *Redbook*, October issue. They are a husband and wife doctor team—the first doctors the small town of Utica, Nebraska, has had in more than fifteen years.

**Lucia Loomis Ferguson** (Pittsburgh) is a syndicated Scripps-Howard columnist with residence in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Last year, following a 'six weeks' study tour of Israel and Arabia, she became in immediate demand for lectures on the tense situation between those countries. Now, with war raging between the two races, she is probably busier than ever.

**Avis Litzenberg Chase** (Minnesota) has been named Women's Affairs Adviser in the Foreign Operations Administration office in Teheran, Iran, dealing particularly in the field of improving working conditions of women in factories and rural areas.

There are groups of Thetas active in many service Clubs throughout the country, and one of these clubs is the Junior Navy Doctors' Wives Club near San Diego. **Margaret Strickler** from Alpha Omega, Pitt, has been serving as president of this organization.

Stricken with polio in September of 1955, **Harriet Clark Moeller** (Purdue) is still hospitalized, paralyzed from the neck down. Her address is now: Ward C-12, Goldwater Memorial Hospital, Welfare Island, N.Y.



LaVern Hale of Berkeley

Although **LaVern Ray Hale** (Missouri and California) is better known for her tennis game, she has turned up this summer with a golf championship from East Bay, Berkeley, California. Which goes to prove that if you have muscles that will work well in one direction, they will usually work well in another.



Lucia Loomis Ferguson of Tulsa



**Janie Jenkins Smith** (Oklahoma) and her husband, Norman, manage the *Ginger Blue Resort* at Noel, Missouri, attractively furnished and decorated with antiques. Thetas are particularly welcome there for vacations.

Dr. Frank E. Duddy, Jr., whose wife is **Eleanor Ibach Duddy** (DePauw) is the new president of Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Dorothy Phelps** (Montana) is now serving as first librarian for the territory of Alaska at Juneau, in care of the Governor's office.

**Helen West Cannon** (DePauw) was granted the privilege of cutting the ribbons at the dedication of the new library at DePauw, named in honor of her father, Roy O. West.

**Emily Guthrie Smith** of Fort Worth is one of the outstanding portrait painters in Texas, skilled in the techniques of catching a likeness on canvas . . . and able to give fascinating examples and demonstrations to the layman on these "tricks of the trade."

**Jackie Lair** of Colorado College was chosen to serve as the National Collegiate Athletic



Emily Guthrie Smith of Fort Worth

Association's Hockey Queen, assisting in presenting the awards and trophies as well as reigning over the social events.

**Joan Smith** and **Cathy Zimmerman** (Nevada) have both qualified as Class A racers and last season competed in two national meets, the Harriman Cup at Sun Valley and the Senior Nationals at Squaw Valley. They are on the ski team at Nevada, the first women's varsity to be affiliated with the athletic department there.



Jackie Lair of Colorado College



Joan Smith and Cathy Zimmerman of Nevada University



# The Personal Touch



In the picture Ann Tankersley McClain, chairman of the project committee and Nancy Sugg Brown, co-chairman, with patient Kathryn Richardson painting a wooden box as occupational therapy.

Last fall Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae of Oklahoma City adopted the Children's Convalescent Home as their local charity. Their project of selling over \$2,500 worth of contest tickets to the Notre Dame versus Oklahoma football game this fall enabled them to buy the physical therapy equipment this hospital needed. With a thousand dollars earned from this project was purchased such equipment as triplex-chest weights, stall bars, quadriceps, boot assembly, bicycle exercisers, infra red lamp, portable hydrocellator, shoulder wheel and as shown in the picture, a wheel stretcher with plastic pad.

Not only is the needed financial support given but also hours of time, doing occupational therapy projects. These projects are planned by the project chairman (Ann Tankersley McClain) and her two co-chairmen Nancy Sugg Brown and Robbie Dell Brownley) and carried out the second Thursday of every month. More than fifty hours have been spent so far at the Convalescent Hospital and every Theta who has helped these children in their getting-well process feels that she has done an appreciated deed helping others, as well as helping herself and her fraternity.

• Anna Maud Clow Roberts

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# About Founders' Day



Fraternity membership generates one of the world's most precious things—friendship.

Our Friendship Fund is well named. It is supported by voluntary contributions and our birthday pennies collected at Founders' Day celebrations. It is not a large fund, but the good that it does can be described in "large" words. It is a confidential fund, going to our sisters in need as a loan or, more often, as an outright gift, depending on the circumstances. It stands for Thetas everywhere, extending a hand in love and friendship where it is needed.

So, when you celebrate Kappa Alpha Theta's eighty-seventh birthday, make it a memorable party. Be your age—the age of the Fraternity or better still, be one hundred years old . . . for the older you are, the larger will be your contribution to this wonderful fund.

Message from the Grand Treasurer

Please feel free to contact the members of any of the clubs or chapters near you and put in your reservation to join them for Founders' Day, whether it be a luncheon, banquet or tea. They'd love to have you!

Some of the places we'll meet this year. . .

Locality	Alumnæ	When and Where
California	Fresno	February 2—Luncheon at 1:00 P.M., Sunny-side Country Club. Reservations to: Virginia Sager Jansen, 3811 Orchard Ave., Fresno.
	Pasadena	January 17—Tea at 2:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Marcus Godfrey, 705 Canterbury Rd., San Marino.
	San Francisco	January. Plans incomplete.
Canada	Edmonton	January 28—Banquet (25th anniversary of Beta Chi chapter).
	Toronto	January 24—Banquet at the Old Mill Restaurant, 7:00 P.M.
Connecticut	Hartford	January 22—Dinner meeting (place to be decided).
Colorado	Denver	February 2—1:00 luncheon at Columbine Country Club.
District of Columbia	Washington	January 26—12:30 luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel.



Locality	Alumnæ	When and Where
Florida	Miami	January 26—12:00 luncheon in Santa Maria Room of the Columbus Hotel.
Georgia	Atlanta	January 27—Home of Mrs. Carl Bohn, 1030 Mt. Paran Rd., N.W.
Hawaii	Honolulu	January 26—Luncheon at 12:30 at the Willows, 901 Hausten St.
Illinois	Evanston-North Shore	January 16—Dessert at 7:30 at Tau chapter house, Northwestern.
Indiana	Indianapolis	March 9—Luncheon at Claypool Hotel (it is also State Day).
Kansas	Kansas City	January 22—Banquet, 7:00 in the Fountain Room, Milleman's on the Plaza.
	Topeka	February 18—Dinner at 6:30 P.M., Hoofers Dinner House.
	Wichita	January 29—6:30 P.M. at the Petroleum Club, Union Center Bldg.
Michigan	Detroit	January 28—Luncheon at 12:30 at Harmonie Club, 267 E. Grand River. Chairman: Mrs. Wm. C. Davis (LI 2-4937).
	Lansing	January 29—7:30 P.M. at the Beta Pi chapter house.
Nebraska	Lincoln	January 17—7:00 P.M. dinner. Mrs. Richard Joyce, 2710 Woodscrest.
	Omaha	February 5—Dinner at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Joe Kidwell, 666 North 56th St.
New York	Buffalo	Luncheon
	Long Island	January 31—Tea at 3:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. James W. Sprinsted, 75 Abbey Lane, Manhasset. Chairman: Mrs. Randall Kirk.
	New York	January 27—3:00 P.M. at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.
Ohio	Cincinnati	February 2—Noon luncheon at the Town Club.
	Columbus	January 26—Noon luncheon at the University Club.
	Dayton	January 15—Yum Yum Restaurant.
Oklahoma	Toledo	January—Plans incomplete.
	Oklahoma City	February 2—Luncheon at 12:30, Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club.
	Tulsa	January 26—1:00 P.M. luncheon at Gamma Tau lodge.
Oregon	Portland	January 26—Luncheon at 12:30, University Club.
Tennessee	Nashville	January 22—Banquet at the Belle Meade Country Club.
Texas	El Paso	January 21—Banquet at the Del Camino Club.
	Fort Worth	February 6—Dinner at 6:00 at the home of Catherine Terrell Smith.



Locality	Alumnæ	When and Where
	Lubbock	January 12—Gamma Phi chapter luncheon at 12:00, Student Union Building ball-room.
	San Antonio	January 22—6:30 at the home of Edith McAllister.
Vermont	Burlington	January 22—7:45 P.M. at the home of Pauline Perkins Gurney.
Washington	Spokane	January 26—Luncheon (place not yet decided).
	Yakima	January 22—Home of Mary Darling Strausz. Chairman: Rosemary Eschbach Homes.
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	March 19—Luncheon, 12:30 at the University Club.

## Some state days . . .

### Florida

"From coast to coast" was truly exemplified at Theta State Day held on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville on April 28. Twenty-two chapters were represented by the alumnæ, and large delegations from the two active Florida chapters made this the best State Day ever. Among the 110 present was Addie Priest Dorsett of Tarpon Springs, who was initiated by Alpha in 1891.

Speakers for the morning assembly were introduced by B. J. Singleton Triplett, Florida State Chairman. Theta Marna Brady, Dean of Women at the U. of F., spoke on the past and present situation of sororities at the University. Since the University of Florida became coeducational in 1947, eleven sororities have formed chapters there, many of them building houses on long-term loans from the State. Jane Chadwell Delony, District XI Alumnæ President, discussed the problems of Theta extension, a subject which interests Florida Thetas keenly.

Conducting the college workshop was Elizabeth (Flivver) Walton Little, District XI College President. The alumnæ workshop was led by B. J. Triplett, with Ruth Robie Lacy and Helen Donn Flipse reporting.



Members of Gainesville alumnæ club whose hard work made a successful Theta State Day. Front row, left to right: Betsy Stephens Schnell, Ann Chillingworth Wright, Janet Little Rodeheaver; back row: Mary Nell Gibson Reeves, Claire Williams Stryker, Jane Shropshire Taylor, Bette McKee Eggert, Anne Laird Spain. Absent from picture was Louise Davitt Summerlin.



Bette McKee Eggert, as master of ceremonies for the luncheon, asked for chapter reports and roll call. Main speaker was Dr. George Spache, Head of the Reading Laboratory and Clinic at the U. of F. He acknowledged the contributions of the Gainesville Alumnae Club, which, with the assistance of the Jacksonville Club, decorated and furnished a room in the University's Speech and Hearing Clinic.

The audience was especially proud of the reports given by the active chapter presidents, Gamma Gamma Roma Neundorf and Beta Nu Florence Ashby. The achievements and honors received by their groups were so numerous and varied that it was incredible.

Responsible for the very successful day of Theta fellowship were Betsy Stephens Schnell, President of the Gainesville Alumnae Club, and Bette Eggert, General Chairman for State Day, together with the many loyal Thetas who participated in the day's events.

## Iowa

Theta State Day held in Iowa City last March was a gala affair, with nearly 200 alumnae and active members of Kappa Alpha Theta on hand for the reunion and program. Guests included members of active chapters at the University of Iowa (Beta Omicron); Iowa State College,

Ames (Gamma Pi), and Drake University, Des Moines (Beta Kappa). Organized alumnae groups in Iowa City, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Ames, Sioux City, Waterloo, Davenport, Rock Island and Moline were represented, and many more alumnae from over the state came for the one-day meeting.

Festivities opened with a luncheon in the Iowa Memorial Union, with Frances Coultrap, president of the Iowa City alumnae club, presiding. Helen E. Sackett, executive secretary from Central Office, was guest speaker, and told the group of national activities, projects and achievements. Maxine Wilson, Des Moines, district president, presented a picture of state activities.

Noya Huber, president of Beta Omicron chapter, and Peggee Idish, of the Iowa City club, made introductions, and Rolanda Ringo, Beta Omicron's talented songbird, sang. Special guests included Bonnie Marshall, state chairman and long-time staunch supporter of Theta in Iowa. House mothers from the three active chapters also were honored guests.

A highlight of the luncheon was a song competition among the three active chapters, with Gamma Pi chapter, Ames, winning the cup.

On the Friday night preceding State Day, Iowa City alumnae and active members of Beta Omicron chapter, entertained at a coffee hour at the chapter house in honor of Helen Sackett and Maxine Wilson. Open house at the chapter house was a feature of the State Day events.

### • Dorothy Pownall *Iowa City Alumnae*



A congenial group at the coffee hour preceding Theta State Day for Iowa, included, left to right: Elaine Lossman Ivie, chairman of the Beta Omicron advisory board; Maxine Wilson, President of District Thirteen; Frances Coultrap, president of the Iowa City alumnae club; Helen E. Sackett, Executive Secretary and Noya Huber, president of the Beta Omicron active chapter, University of Iowa.



# Indiana



So the photographer said, as he climbed up his ladder: "You mean you want me to take a picture of this mob scene?" He was assured that was right, since Indiana wanted to show Thetas what a State Day can be like, with approximately 600 in attendance every year and spirits running high on the second Saturday of every March, come rain or come snow.

## A glimpse at the clubs

### *Westchester*

The Westchester Kappa Alpha Theta Club, which has 100 members, sponsored a big fashion show and breakfast as a benefit for Mobility, Inc., a rehabilitation center serving all residents of the county. The show was held at Saks Fifth Avenue's beautiful branch store in White Plains; 19 Thetas or Theta children modeled. Bea Boyer Beattie (Cornell) of Scarsdale was general chairman. Her college roommate, president of the Westchester Club, Marguerite Hicks Maher (Mrs. E. A.) of Scarsdale was delighted with the results of the show as over \$400 was raised, enough to make the second and final payment to Mobility for the \$825 speech room which now bears a plaque signifying that this room was a gift of the Westchester Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Club. (Navy Theta's who were in the WAVES will remember Marguerite Maher as she is a full commander in the WAVES and was in charge of the personnel department in Washington, D.C. during World War II.) Harriet Fera French (Illinois) was chairman of models for the fashion show, and Mary Sava-



Pictured at the Westchester Theta Club fashion show are, left to right: Margaret Fawcett Jones (Syracuse), Barbara Hogate Ferrin (DePauw), Fay Francis (Southern Methodist) and Helen Matz Fishel (Adelphi). The little girl, Leslie, is the daughter of Meredith Jones Heaslip (Syracuse).



cool Saunders (Adelphi) was in charge of hostesses. The hostesses wore dainty tiny gold cloth aprons with heavy black ball edging made by Barbara Louise Nelson Johnson (Minnesota). Publicity was handled by Ruth Bohnet Keller (Cornell) and Rosemary Crawford (Syracuse).

## Tri-State Club

In February 1951 when our former Grand President Helen Stiles French was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to install our Gamma Tau chapter she made a visit to Joplin, Missouri, to see a friend.

Knowing that Helen French would be in our district we contacted her and made arrangements for a district Theta meeting—a luncheon at the Joplin Woman's Club. It was at this Theta get-together with Helen's help and inspiration that the Tri-State Alumnae Club of Kappa Alpha Theta was organized.

Our membership is composed of about fifty Thetas from 13 different chapters who live in three states—Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. All live within a radius of fifty miles of Joplin which is the hub of the Tri-State district.

With our membership scattered over such a wide area many of our Thetas have to travel thirty-five to forty miles to attend meetings which are held in various towns of the district. However, we have done very well. We have a Tri-State Theta directory which lists all the district Thetas giving their names, addresses and chapters. We have four yearly meetings

## Jackson



At the Jackson, Mississippi, Founders' Day are seated (left to right): Mary Lois Campbell Summer (Mu) and Mrs. Flora McBryde Yarborough (Alpha Phi).

Standing (left to right): Ruth White Winbegler (Beta Tau); Ellen Koken Fox (Alpha Iota) and Mary Ann Wynkoop Tanselle (Beta). (Not present when picture taken, Sylvia Schively of Alpha.)

Founders' Day was celebrated February 1 in the Miragold Room of Walthall Hotel. The Jackson club is composed of 15 Thetas, with Mrs. Yarborough as president with Miss Schively acting as secretary.



Members of the Tri-State Alumnae club shown in the picture are front: Marilyn Sapp of Joplin; Mrs. Marvin Kirby; Mrs. John Mackie, Jr., of Pittsburg, Kan.; Mrs. James Woodfill of Nevada, Mo.; Mrs. Homer Ball and Louise Dallmeyer Prettyman. In the back row are Mrs. Ernie Belkham of Joplin, Mo.; Mildred Matthews of Joplin; Mrs. Paul Eddie Stark, Mrs. Hankammer, Mrs. Leroy Moomaw of Verona, Mo., and Mrs. Charles A. Blair, Jr., of Joplin.



At Mt. Vernon-Gambier alumnae club celebration, four fifty-year members were honored. Left to right: Caroline Walton, Helen Alsdorf, Grace Rudin and Florence Patterson.



which are purely social get-togethers for Theta talk and comparison of notes on almost any subject. We have assisted our various Theta chapters by sending rush information on district rushees, and we are now contributing in a small way to the Institute of Logopedics.

- Louise Dallmeyer Prettyman

## *Mt. Vernon-Gambier*

Founders' Day was celebrated by the Mt. Vernon-Gambier Alumnae club at a luncheon on January 28 honoring the four members holding Fifty Year certificates: Caroline Graham Walton (Epsilon); Helen Patterson Alsdorf (Alpha Gamma); Grace Dann Rudin (Alpha

Gamma); and Florence Patterson (Epsilon Psi).

Although located in a small city, at considerable distance from any active college chapter, the club has been in continuous existence for at least twenty-two years. Among the thirteen members we have an unusual number of family groups: Grace Dann Rudin and daughter Margaret Rudin Beam (Gamma Deuteron); Helen Patterson Alsdorf and sister Florence Patterson; Mary Dickinson Bogardus (Beta Tau) and daughters Constance Bogardus Selden (Gamma Gamma), Edna Bogardus (Beta Tau); and daughter-in-law Edith Boiteaux Bogardus (Gamma Gamma); Janet Beam Detmer and mother Vesta Stephen Beam (Alpha Gamma). Only two of these reside elsewhere.



## *Gainesville*

Gainesville alumnae and offspring admiring Speech Clinic room at the University of Florida which was decorated and furnished by their club, assisted by the Jacksonville group. Left to right: Jane Shropshire Taylor, Claire Williams Stryker, Anne Laird Spain, Mary Nell Gibson Reeves, Louise Davitt Summerlin. Children are Margaret Stryker and Bill Reeves.



# Books by Theta Authors

● reviewed by betty briggs



*Trade Winds Cookery, Tropical Recipes For All America*, by Norma A. Davis, The Dietz Press, Inc., Richmond, Va., 1956. \$2.50.

When *Trade Winds Cookery* appeared in my postbox on a warm day in California, it developed into such fascinating reading that I couldn't resist going into the kitchen to try one of the luscious sounding dishes.

Its author, "founding president" of Florida's Beta Nu chapter and newspaper woman by profession, modestly wrote, "The book seems to have caught on amazingly. I am personally flabbergasted, though surely not unhappy and certainly would not do anything to stop the momentum."

Here is what the Dietz Press has to say to speed the momentum:

"As entertaining to read as to use, Norma Davis has prefaced each chapter with such information as: the banana is older than the human race and was known as 'the muse of the wise men,' but it didn't come to the United States until 1800; Christ's crown of thorns was said to have been made from the carissa bush; coconut "like a pig, can be used in its entirety" and in some countries the missionaries (to make the Lord's prayer understood to the natives) have had to teach them: "Give us this day our daily coconut."

"For the man who's a cooking genius or the lady who likes to spring surprises, *Trade Winds Cookery* is the enticing answer. Innumerable recipes have been tested for the preparation of calamondin, carissa, chayettes, dasheen, guavas, kumquats, mangoes, papayas, palm hearts, plantains, tamarinds, roselles, tangeloes and other tropical and semi-tropical plants.

"A completely rounded cook book, *Trade Winds Cookery* also offers Norma's collection of unusual breads, cakes, salads, ice creams and other desserts. Seventeen strange ways of serving eggs, 28 exotic soups including recipes from Hindustani; chicken in Hawaiian, East Indian and Irish style of such combinations as pecan,



Norma A. Davis

pineapple, avocado, coconut and curry; chutneys; meats and pies offer family-style dishes from "soup to nuts"—the pecan comes in for a long chapter—as do candies."

Opening flat so that the cook doesn't have to prop the leaves with flour sifter or butter dish, *Trade Winds Cookery* is a daily-used how-to-do. The Dietz Press, publisher, sums it as "a rare collection for daily and company surprises, all recipes clearly explained and tested."

*Our Language, The Story of the Words We Use*, by Eloise Lambert, Lothrop, Leo and Shepard Co., Inc., N.Y., 1956. \$3.00.

Don't let the title of Eloise Lambert's choice book, *Our Language, The Story of the Words We Use* frighten you away. This is not a textbook, but rather a treasury of fascinating information about the English language. The reader does not have to dig for the treasure. Eloise Lambert has done all the scholarly spade work and presents the results to the reader to admire, enjoy and use. Here are valuable nuggets of information about the geography, history and usage of words.

How did the English language begin? How did it change in America, in the British



Dominions, and in England itself? Why do southerners in the United States use the broad A and drop many R's? When may slang be used appropriately and effectively?

The whole book engaged my interest, but the chapters on "The Story of Names: People" and "The Story of Names: Places" were especially entertaining. Tracing the origin of names can be one of the "most fascinating word games in the world."

This is a book that a teacher of geography, history or language should have on her desk to whet and satisfy the intellectual curiosity of students. For emergency assignments a substitute teacher might carry *Our Language* in her briefcase. There is much between its covers for high school students to "chew upon," to borrow Shakespeare's words. The chapter on "Real Words and Special Words" would command the attention of the most restless teenager.

How many are aware that 11,000 new slang expressions have come into usage in this country in the last ten years? The author believes that *slanguage* adds humor, zest and variety to modern expression as indeed it did in Chaucer's time.

The author, Eloise Lambert, was graduated from Duke University where she was a member of Beta Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Here she majored in French and received her M.A. degree in 1934. After a few years of teaching high school French and history in Ohio and New Jersey, she did further graduate work in modern language and philology at Columbia. She now lives in New York where she is engaged in free lance work in the linguistic field—translations, research in linguistic projects and various kinds of linguistic odd jobs. *Our Language* is her first book.

The book is dedicated "to Jerry, aged 2." In response to my question, "Who is Jerry?" Eloise Lambert wrote that he is her nephew, son of a Theta sister, Doris Lambert Nazor.

"At the time that I was beginning work on *Our Language*, I returned home (Ironton, Ohio) to discover that Jerry, aware of the need of communication of ideas, had worked out his own system of language and words. His persistent efforts carried out with a patience that wore thin at points, to teach me his words, bore such a humorous resemblance to the native speaker method employed by some language schools to teach exotic languages and at the



Eloise Lambert

same time provided such a living illustration of the fact that all language is a convention, and that words in themselves have no general agreement and acceptance of them in a certain sense that I arrived at the idea of my opening chapter."

The 2,796 languages of the world belong to nine major language families. In tracing the origin of languages, Eloise Lambert notes a kinship through words of peoples poles apart geographically and politically. Linguists may someday discover that languages are descendants of one parent language. "This would give them scientific and documented proof of the Biblical story that all men are descended from the same original parents and are truly brothers, no matter what their color, present-day race, or the language they now speak. The whole history of man, all the secrets and mysteries of the past may well be hidden in the language we speak."

### • are you writing a book?

The book review editor, Betty Briggs, would like to know about the recent books that have just been or are being written by Thetas. Not only would they be reviewed in the magazine, which catches 33,000 Thetas at a swoop, but plans are under way to build up a library for the new Theta headquarters.

Would you ask your publisher to put Kappa Alpha Theta on their list for an advance copy, sent to: Mrs. Reid Briggs, 3901 E. California St., Pasadena 10, California?



# One step at a time

• Mary X. Plummer  
*Philanthropy Chairman*

Kappa Alpha Theta has a new objective at the Institute of Logopedics, our national philanthropy. Grand Council has ruled in favor of supporting the *Occupational Therapy Department*.

There is a plaque hanging in the entrance hall of the Institute of Logopedics on which is printed a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. Four lines of the prayer read as follows:

"Where there is doubt, faith,  
Where there is despair, hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
Where there is sadness, joy."

Those who have visited the Institute and have seen what is being accomplished there, cannot help but feel the significance of the promise in those words, to children and adults who are enrolled.

It will take about \$25,000 annually to operate the Occupational Therapy department. This is indeed a challenge, when one thinks of the number of tickets which have to be sold for style shows, antique shows, dances, teas, bridge

luncheons, and the number of talent bazaars, white elephant sales, and Christmas card sales which will take place during the coming year. But the initiative, courage, and resourcefulness which our Thetas possess will make this dream come true.

The philanthropy Committee would like to remind new officers and philanthropy chairmen of chapters and clubs of the following:

- 1—Please make all checks for contributions payable to Kappa Alpha Theta and mail to Central Office, Suite 575, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois.
- 2—Mail all requests for publicity material to be used in advertising money-making projects for the Institute to Mrs. Ethel Umphrey, Institute of Logopedics, 2400 Jardine Drive, Wichita 14, Kansas. Please do not send requests to Central Office.
- 3—If possible, get contributions to the Philanthropy Fund in early in the year, in order that they may be included in the report for district conventions.

## Three from Beta Nu



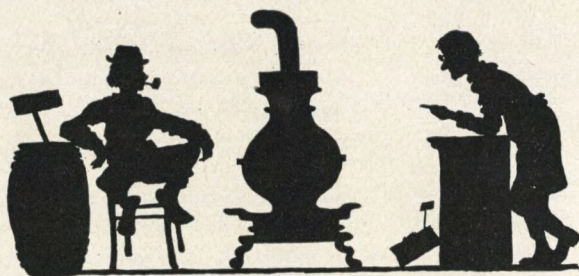
• Katherine Warner  
*Beta Mu Chapter*

Three generations of Theta are now represented at Beta Mu at the University of Nevada. The first generation is Euphemia Abrame Clark (seated) of Iota chapter. Mrs. Clark, a fifty year Theta, played one of the most important roles in the establishment and installation of Beta Mu to the Kappa Alpha Theta chain. The chapter was installed in her home in 1922. The late Mr. Clarke was the president of the University of Nevada.

Miriam Clark Chism (standing left) represents the second generation. She was an extremely active member of Beta Mu and now her daughter, Betty Chism (right), is a Theta pledge at Nevada.



# Trading Post



Members of the **Appleton** alumnae chapter corresponded with a list of Thetas dating back to 1915 in order to negotiate the complete decorating of the Theta suite in the sorority wing of Lawrence College's new Colman Hall.

Being in a large cosmopolitan center, **Boston** Thetas have appointed Area Hospitality Chairmen to organize extra area meetings in order to "rekindle the old flame in some long lost sisters."

For many years, **Buffalo** gave a white elephant sale as their main money-making project. They often found the same things, bought one year, returned to be sold again the next year. So this year they are going to try something different—the conclusion being that, after all this time, some of the white elephants were worn out.

The alumnae of **Burlington** have carried out their primary endeavor in seeing the Lambda chapter house enlarged to accommodate twenty-eight instead of eighteen girls this fall.

For each new member, **Chicago-South Side** alumnae sew her name in black and gold on the damask cloth they use for their luncheon meetings.

**Cincinnati** began to use their own members' talents as program material and found great potential in the year's entertainment.

The members of the **Columbus** alumnae chapter came to one meeting dressed as they had been in college. It was a parade of history from flapper dresses to Bermuda shorts. Any raccoon coats?

Feeling like kindergarten pupils at one meeting, **Dayton** members worked energetically with tracing paper and cutout animals, but ended up with attractive learning cards for the Institute of Logopedics.

**Des Moines** got excited about the popularity of their Christmas card venture last year (original design by Stan Hess of Drake's art department) and have ordered thousands more for this year.

**Detroit** made \$2404.35 on *their* cards (proceeds given to the Institute of Logopedics and the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic). **Berkeley**, too, sells cards as does **Spokane**, **Dallas**, **Burlington**, **Washington, D.C.**, **Milwaukee** and several others.

**El Paso** gave up their summer rush program, finding that more and more colleges prefer that their girls not attend—with Panhellenic approving that attitude.

"Ten Thetas with steady nerves" in the **Evanston-North Shore** chapter hand painted attractive kitchen-aid charts, matted and framed for sale. These charts explained such enigmatic matters as how many cups are contained in a No. 2½ can, and such vital information now hangs prettily on 200 kitchen walls.

The most popular item at **Fort Worth's** Christmas bazaar was a Christmas tree skirt made by Eucla Pearson Laubenheim.

The members of **Hartford** alumnae chapter, a scattered group, tried individual projects with each member responsible for a minimum of five dollars. It revealed multiple talents within their membership and an intriguing amount of financial acumen.

The Antique Show, again staged by the **Houston** alums, netted \$500 to the Institute, \$180 to their Belgian foster child, Hilda Huljob, and \$3124.44 to the Houston Speech and Hearing Center.

**Indianapolis** held a quiz program on Fraternity Education, always a sure way to keep people on their toes.

The Panhellenic group of **Lansing**, organized by Thetas, maintains a Panhellenic student fund, providing small grants for women students at Michigan State.



For the past five years, **Long Island** alumnae have supported a little Italian foster child, Angiola Melfitani. **Austin** supports a Korean child, and **Toronto** still takes care of Zophia Litewska.

In the vicinity of **Los Angeles**, the USO still plays an important part and the alumnae chapter there serves approximately thirty-five boys on Theta Day.

In eight years instead of ten, **Miami** paid off the mortgage on Beta Nu's chapter house with the proceeds of their last Christmas bazaar, the most popular attraction of which was their doll contest since every little girl (or her mother) wants a doll for Christmas.

Last year's annual Bal d'Hiver in **Nashville** netted \$1000 to the Institute of Logopedics and \$1000 to the Family and Children's Service.

Each alumna of the **New Orleans** chapter is assigned a little sister or daughter from the pledge class in order to create a closer and more cooperative relationship with Alpha Phi chapter.

**Oklahoma City** has discovered, as have many others, that the contribution of time is often more rewarding than dollars. They have spent 200 hours in educational therapy at the Children's Convalescent Home in addition to giving \$1000 in cash. **Indianapolis** members work at the Well Baby Clinic of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital and **Omaha** has staffed the Omaha Hearing School with volunteers one day each week. **Kansas City** tends to clerical work and case histories in the Speech Clinic of the medical center.

Feeling that they were getting a bit too large to be wieldable, **Portland** Thetas have divided into four separate neighborhood groups to meet four times during the year in addition to the citywide meetings. **Seattle** has been working on the same idea and reports phenomenal success, with fewer central than area meetings now scheduled.

Mary Harvey Gardner appeared on a local television program in **Spokane** to explain the purposes and needs of our national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics. Remember what you've read about Public Relations? *Let the people know!*

A new local project has been added by **St. Louis**—that of supporting the Council of Girl Scouts in helping financially to construct an Adirondack shelter to be used for overnight hikes. **Syracuse** has adopted the McCarthy School for Handicapped Children.

**Sacramento** came up with an entirely new idea . . . a Pink Elephant party. It's been a very good year for pink, hasn't it? Pink Elephants, in contrast to white ones, are hobby creations instead of useless possessions. They netted a substantial amount for their treasury from the sale of articles ranging from luncheon cloths to canned popcorn, representing the various hobbies of their members.

## **We Welcome**

These new Alumnae Clubs:

The Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club

President: Mrs. H. J. Gregg

Shreveport Alumnae Club

President: Mrs. Donald J. Donohue, Jr.

The Sarasota Alumnae Club

President: Mrs. Charles W. Mead





Grace Waters Moore

The only known Theta weekly newspaper editor (at least, from Beta Sigma chapter) is the former Grace Marian Waters, now Mrs. James Richard Moore. She is the editor of the *Omaha Breeze* of Omaha, Texas. As coincidence would have it, her newspaper career started in another Omaha . . . Nebraska, where she was Brownell Hall "Browsings" columnist for a residential area weekly newspaper, *The Dundee News*.

After graduation from Brownell Hall in 1942, Grace attended Huntingdon College for Women in Montgomery, Alabama. There she wrote for the college newspaper and became a member of Chi Delta Phi honorary.

Her parents moved to Dallas, Texas, from Omaha, Nebraska, and Grace enrolled as a sophomore in Southern Methodist University. She was initiated into Beta Sigma chapter and became publicity chairman for the chapter as well as its chapter editor. Grace was a society editor of the university's semi-weekly newspaper, *The Campus*, and was chosen for membership in Theta Sigma Phi, women's honorary journalism fraternity.

This Theta was named in the *Rotunda* year-

## Once a week

book as a "Mustang Thoroughbred" and a beauty nominee. She was for two years editor of Beta Sigma's rush newspaper, *The Kite*.

Having been a member of the SMU class of 1946 Grace had a job waiting for her on the society desk of the *Dallas Times Herald*. For three years she wrote society, specializing in weddings and the debutante seasons. The most famous personality she interviewed at that time was Elsa Maxwell. Tiring of the social whirl she went to Europe for three months and returned to write publicity for the State Fair of Texas in 1949. Interviewing Spike Jones, Sally Rand, and others was part of her job at the Fair. She wrote the script for the hour-long, color and sound movie of the Fair.

Then, Grace married Jim, a certified public accountant (Phi Kappa Psi) continuing as Dallas correspondent for *Haire Trade Publications* of New York until a son was born and the Moore family moved from Dallas to Omaha, Texas.

Besides being a housewife with a hobby of clay sculpture, Grace is active in church and political affairs in addition to DAR, PTA and local community projects. In June of this year, she became the editor of the *Omaha Breeze* and the Times Publishing Company became its owners. The formerly hand-set weekly newspaper was founded in 1886.

Beta Sigma chapter has also contributed other newspaper women to the Dallas scene. June Wilkins Hartt was a former society editor of the *Dallas Times Herald*. Dorothy Hyde was home furnishings editor in the women's news department of the *Dallas Morning News* and Ann Burleson was on the society staff of the *Times Herald*.

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## Hyperopic?

When Marjorie Binford Woods appeared as the illustrious speaker at Theta Sigma Phi's Matrix Table in Indianapolis last spring, following the charming introduction she was given she picked up her written speech to read . . . and found she'd forgotten her glasses. After trying on about fifteen pairs offered by members of the audience, she eventually found a pair through which she could focus, and delivered her speech. It relieved the formality considerably.



# Second Trip

• Betsy Steinkamp  
*Omicron Chapter*



Omicron Thetas at the University of Southern California are bursting with pride over their own Paula Jean Myers who is making her second consecutive Olympic trip, this time to Australia. Earlier this year Paula Jean captured second place, behind Pat McCormick in the 10-meter platform trials, and fourth in the three-meter at the Olympic trials in Detroit.

Paula Jean's (or "P.J." as she is known to her sisters) interest in aquatic sports started during childhood summers at Balboa when her older brothers tossed her in the bay to sink or swim. She found she preferred diving on her own initiative to being tossed in. She has been diving ever since.

The biggest events in her career have been the winning of the second place trophy at Helsinki Olympics in 1952 and later, after returning to the U.S. defeating the girl who had beaten her. Her biggest disappointment was when a slight temperature put her in the

hospital and out of competition at the recent Pan-American games in Mexico.

Under her coach Lyle Draves' tutelage Paula Jean became the first woman to execute successfully a double-twisting one and one-half somersault and a cutaway two and one-half somersault—both so difficult they are not allowed in Olympic competition. Paula Jean's main competition in the platform event will again come from Mrs. Pat McCormick and Juno Stover Irwin, both of whom have become mothers since the last Olympics.

By now it's over, but we've been wishing P.J. all the luck in the world in her second venture in the Olympics.

## *Cue for Robert Q.*



Barbara Bigge of Beta chapter received a kiss from Robert Q. Lewis preceding his regular coast to coast show which was broadcast from Indiana University's Auditorium. Barbara enjoyed a dinner date with Mr. Lewis as a result of winning a campus-wide queen contest sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.



## College Editors

Remember that a short paragraph of approximately 100 words is due the magazine by December 15, with or without a picture. It should be a "brief" on some highlight of your chapter activities or members . . . not an actual chapter letter. Your chapter letter (500 words) is due February 15.

*"Is death the last sleep? No, it is the last and final awakening."*

—Sir Walter Scott

Gertrude M. DeForest  
Alpha Chapter, 1889  
Greencastle, Indiana, Summer, 1956

Era Bence Rossetter (Mrs. Seaman E.)  
Alpha Chapter, 1907  
Springfield, Massachusetts, October 23, 1956

Della Ogden Duvall (Mrs. T. G.)  
Alpha Chapter, 1892  
Delaware, Ohio

Laura Canady Hixon (Mrs. Fred W.)  
Alpha Chapter, 1895  
Greencastle, Indiana, Summer, 1956

Susan Howe  
Beta Chapter, 1897  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 1956

Mildred Immel Flattery (Mrs. Thomas)  
Epsilon Chapter, 1889  
Coshocton, Ohio

Lulu Belle Sprague McCurdy (Mrs. H. R.)  
Epsilon Chapter, 1883  
Coshocton, Ohio

Mary Anderson Metzler (Mrs. David)  
Epsilon Chapter, 1896  
Wooster, Ohio

Bertha Brown Myers (Mrs. Joseph)  
Epsilon Chapter, 1887  
Jackson, Michigan

Lola Smart Clark (Mrs. William)  
Kappa Chapter, 1907  
St. Joseph, Michigan

Katherine Griffith Mower (Mrs. Emory C.)  
Lambda Chapter, 1925  
Waban, Massachusetts, June, 1956

Grace Dodds Rea (Mrs. M. L.)  
Gamma deutron Chapter, 1881  
London, Ohio

Juliette Renkin Blomquist (Mrs. Edwin)  
Tau Chapter, 1913  
Evanston, Illinois, September 22, 1956

Gertrude Matthews Hannah (Mrs. W. M.)  
Tau Chapter, 1907  
Cambridge, Ohio

Pamela Lawrence Best (Mrs. John S.)  
Psi Chapter, 1926  
Sussex, Wisconsin, 1956

Josephine Jacobs Sewell (Mrs. Henry B.)  
Psi Chapter, 1910  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Mary Ann Crawfis Mount (Mrs. Dale)  
Alpha Gamma Chapter, 1939  
Columbus, Ohio, Summer, 1955

Emily Postlewaite  
Alpha Gamma Chapter, 1929  
Columbus, Ohio, June 16, 1956

Harriet Stevens Cory (Mrs. Charles E.)  
Alpha Iota, 1906  
St. Louis, Missouri, 1956

Mary Louise Taylor Stubbs (Mrs. Ray)  
(formerly Mrs. Thomas Moran)  
Alpha Chi Chapter, 1921  
Lafayette, Indiana, June 4, 1956

Caryl Bro Brand (Mrs. R. B.)  
Alpha Psi Chapter, 1922  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Lillian Wood Stearns (Mrs. Thomas W.)  
Beta Nu Chapter, 1932  
Gainesville, Florida, October 11, 1956

Dorothy Price Porter (Mrs. Richard C.)  
Beta Omicron Chapter, 1938  
Des Moines, Iowa, September 17, 1956



# over the desktop



Having nothing else to do at the moment, let's take a look at percentages, the law of averages and the number of people who do and who don't. With enough investigation, one can find a percentage to represent almost anything—from how many women bleach their hair to what amount of goods is sold where.

But the only percentage that directly concerns us is "how many do—and how many don't." It's a statistic based almost directly on a sense of responsibility. We recoil at the trite expression (granted, we recoil frequently) which has been mightily overused and thereby lost a great deal of its force. But a sense of responsibility it is, and there's no better term for it.

Relative to performing the duties of office in any organization, what percentage read their instructions? The larger percentage—but there's a small percentage that doesn't.

What percentage of mail gets lost, so that instructions are not received? That is infinitesimal, but a very convenient excuse sometimes.

What percentage is too busy to perform their duties? A small percentage who have had unforeseen circumstances arise. A small percentage who have undertaken more work than they are capable of doing. And a large percentage who, in spite of too heavy commitments, nevertheless fulfill their obligations—or, wisely, don't accept them in the first place. "If you want something done, ask a busy person," doesn't refer to the fact that the person is *busy*, but more logically to the type of person he or she may be that has proved dependability and accomplishment.

Some, a tiny percentage, accept an office when they have no intention of performing the duties. And why? They believe it to be the "honor" they have accepted and not the work or the responsibility. Such a funny little percentage!

To be specific (we might as well), when the honorary lists were due last summer—from May through August—forty-nine out of eighty chapters responded in time for the autumn issue. Some were perfect, some were gleaned from chapter letters which didn't happen to be due at that time, some were too late and some didn't come at all. That's our percentage of response, probably typical . . . particularly since the requirements had been recently changed. We think it will perk up.

Of the alumnae chapter letters due for this issue, we accumulated fifty-nine of the seventy-two chapters. That's a larger percentage and it would be interesting to delve into the degree of maturity that enters into the picture after a girl graduates from college and joins an alumnae chapter. Such a study would make interesting research, seeing how rapidly maturity sets in—or whether it sets in at all.

Breathlessly, we await the day when one hundred percent respond to the chapter deadlines, at which time the editor's enthusiasm will pour off the margins of the magazine and drip happily into Theta mail-boxes all over the nation. But we know perfectly well that there's only a certain number who read the magazine and that those who are reading this page will probably be the wonderful percentage who don't need to!

We scarcely feel capable of trying to break the law of averages, so we're just *commenting* on it.

*The Editor*

Warning was given last issue that the Directory would not be in this issue or the midwinter one, except for the first page of national officers. So run grab your fall issue now, before it gets lost. The full Directory won't be printed again until spring.



# Alumnews



Houston provides the setting for three Thetas. Left to right: Myra Marshall Wilson, Winifred Small Jones and Eleanor Marks Fisher.

Wherever one may be, Thetas gather either as a group—or as parts of other groups, active in almost every phase of endeavor that could be mentioned . . . philanthropic, educational or cultural.

Here, in Houston, Texas, three Thetas met at a luncheon where Myra Marshall Wilson was being honored, held previous to a banquet where her husband, Dr. Logan Wilson, President of the University of Texas, was honored later. Myra, a member of Alpha Theta chapter, is a graduate of the University of Texas.

Center is Winifred Small Jones, also a member of Alpha Theta chapter, and now on the Board of Regents of Texas State. On the right is Eleanor Marks Fisher, Alpha Theta, formerly a District President and active in Junior League.

Whether Thetas meet together, just to be together—meet for a specified purpose, or meet coincidentally through other organizations, they are an integral part of the active and worthwhile interests of the world of today.



# Alumnae Chapter Letters

## APPLETON

This has really been a busy year for the Appleton chapter—one full of fun, work and several important new developments! In December the actives of Alpha Psi at Lawrence College had a beautiful Christmas tea for us, and we had our annual holiday ornament sale to raise money for toys for the Institute children.

In January we had a visit from Mary Ackerman, our district president, and started on the biggest project the chapter has ever undertaken—the decorating of the new Theta room in the sorority wing of Lawrence's new dormitory, Colman Hall. Margo Sperka, Jean Henderson, Mary MacDonald and Lola Mae Eich were appointed to choose and work with a decorator, and the rest of us settled down to the job of writing to all past Alpha Psi initiates asking for donations. Not a small job since our list went back to 1915! Dor Thompson took over the job of compiling the list, Arden Kuehmsted tabulated the donations, and Monnie Banta wrote hundreds of personal letters in addition to the printed one the chapter sent out. To date we have received over \$2,300 with more on the way. We hope to have a picture of the completed room in the next issue of the magazine.

In June we entertained the seniors at our annual picnic, and at the business meeting following, took the long-talked-about steps toward becoming a corporation. We are now officially incorporated, and even have a very legal looking seal from the state of Wisconsin.

In April our new officers took over their offices. They are president, Katy Hale; vice-president, Jo Stauff; secretary, Nancy Arpin; treasurer, Arden Kuehmsted; editor, Nancy Tilley; advisory board president, Gloria Davis. Katy Hale was our delegate to Banff, and while there had the thrill of receiving a certificate stating our chapter has contributed \$1,000 to the Institute of Logopedics.

In the fall, Janet Zupak set up our first rush recommendation board, as suggested at convention. It worked very well, and we plan to continue this setup for recommending Fox River Valley girls in the future. After rush week, the advisory board had a pot-luck supper at Katy Hale's for all the officers of Alpha Psi, and it really was fun getting to know the college members better.

This month (October) we're having a joint social meeting with the college chapter in the just-finished Theta room, and we can hardly wait. We've been working on the room for so long we can hardly believe it's done, and we're all so anxious to see it. At this meeting, our chapter is going to surprise the active chapter with the presentation to them of a president's pin in honor of Monnie Banta. In November we're having a party for the pledges at Peg Dostal's, and hope to have the Institute movie to show then. In December the college chapter is having a tea for us, to which we're really looking forward, and this with our Christmas auction will bring our year to a close.

Nancy McKee Tilley

## ATLANTA

Atlanta alums started off the year with a bang, making plans for a square dance and bazaar. This year should be especially promising with the many new faces among us. We have 188 Thetas from 40 different chapters. Only about one third of these are active but we hope others will join the fun and fellowship which means so much to us.

A report on the Miami district convention, attended by Daphne Majors and Pud Branham, was given at the September meeting. In October we held a rummage sale, showing a small profit of \$45, along with much effort.

The Thetas and Kappas were joint hostesses at a bridge party for Panhellenic during October. Marge Stallings and Nancy Carter made the arrangements, decorating the Buckhead Woman's Club with an autumn theme in mind. Pumpkins, ears of corn and corn stalks, along with prizes wrapped in black paper with orange yarn lent a festive air to the party.

At the November meeting an interesting report on Mexico travels was given by Betty Alsaker and Nancy Rigg. Such fun was had at our December auction that we hope to make it an annual event. Betty Alsaker was a champion auctioneer, offering everything from perfume to dolls for sale. As always, Christmas spirit was quite prevalent in our Theta group. We sent toys and magazine subscriptions to the Fulton County Juvenile Court Home. We also made contributions to the College Park Colored Day Nursery.

We elected officers at our January meeting. They are: Mrs. Ward K. Stallings, president; Mrs. Richard Caldwell, vice-president; Mrs. W. O. Lestwich, treasurer, and Adeline Branham, secretary. We also enjoyed a talk on antiques by Mrs. Tom Downham (Mickey Robinson, Alpha).

Our Panhellenic delegate told of our national philanthropies at the April Atlanta Panhellenic meeting.

We voted to award a jeweled pin to the fall initiate at Gamma Delta with the highest scholastic average.

A group of us drove down to Athens to attend Gamma Delta's wonderful Founders' Day banquet. The Gamma Deltas paid a well-deserved tribute to Mrs. Howell Erwin (Lucy Yancey, Goucher) with "This Is Your Theta Life, Miss Lucy." She was awarded a 50-year certificate.

The Founders' Day tea, February 5, was attended by a number of faithful members, who braved the day of rain and fog to go. Next year the tea will be held on January 27 at the home of Mrs. Carl Bohn, 1030 Mt. Paran Rd. N.W., Atlanta, Ga. Any Theta sisters, new in Atlanta, are most welcome.

Carol Dendy

## AUSTIN

Alpha Theta has enjoyed, once again, a challenging but rewarding year—from the Austin alumnae view-



point. Ever mindful of the added responsibilities of our role as the "home alums" for the University of Texas active chapter, we have revived cherished traditions and undertaken new obligations to strengthen the bonds between our group and the actives.

At the same time, we have enjoyed the rare benefits and rewards of constant association with the actives, sharing our programs and activities with them, and having the opportunity to hold our meetings in the still new and always impressive chapter house.

Highlight of our year was the revival of the Ivy Service for the graduating seniors, welcoming them into the alumnae groups. Some thirty seniors participated in the ceremony, held for the first time in recent years, and each was presented with an ivy plant wrapped in gold foil, with her name inscribed in gold on a black kite.

New emphasis was placed this year, also, on the observance of Founders' Day, February 9. In keeping with the Alpha Theta tradition, alums donated pennies to the "Friendship Fund," a confidential fund used to aid Thetas in need of temporary assistance.

Ethel Washington, long a mainstay of Austin alums, was appointed chairman of our Fraternity Education report and she kept our group informed about the Korean child adopted by Alpha Theta and about the Swedish exchange student from Stockholm now in the chapter.

Program activity for our group ranged from sessions with guest speakers, on Christmas foods, to a visit with the District Attorney who discussed laws affecting women. San Antonio alums also invited our chapter to a luncheon there during the year.

Austin alums sponsored a large summer rush party on June 23 at the home of Mrs. Rachael Covert and, in August, a smaller rush party was held with a progressive dinner at the home of local alums. Mothers of the local pledges were guests at an alum luncheon in the chapter house.

Individually wrapped toys were sent at Christmas to the Institute of Logopedics and a contribution to the Institute was made in March.

A coke party, arranged by our very active membership chairman, Betty Ann Montgomery Buaas, wel-

## Out of the Past



*Magazine of Sigma Chi*

When the Sigma Chi magazine featured an article on one of their members, Bill Goodwin of Frankfort, Indiana, and the century-old mortuary his grandfather had established and which has been maintained during three Sigma Chi generations, the cuts that accompanied the article held three Thetas.

Riding in their beautifully preserved 1906 Cadillac one-cylinder touring car, are Katherine Lucas Goodwin, his wife (Purdue) and his two daughters, Grace (Butler) and Katherine (Purdue).



comed new alum members in Austin: Mrs. Robert Read, from SMU, and Mrs. Marian McCrummen, Mrs. Elizabeth Bechtol, and Mrs. Olwyn Anderson of Alpha Theta.

New officers of our alum group, elected in the spring, are Bettye Banner Siddons, president; Betty Ann Montgomery Buass, first vice-president; Sara Mae Fowler, second vice-president; Norma Dolley Kennedy, secretary; Margaret Ann Olle Womack, treasurer; University Panhellenic, Margaret Syers; City Panhellenic, Lynn Bohn; Alternate, Georgeanne Geislau; editor, Mary Virginia Alves Busby; archives, Ethel Washington.

Mary Virginia Alves Busby

## BALTIMORE

Baltimore alumnae enjoyed a most profitable year with many varied, interesting, and informative programs. We celebrated Founders' Day with a most unusual program called, "A Look into the Family Album." Mary Carter (Alpha Mu), chairman of Founders' Day, deserves much credit and thanks for the fascinating way she developed the stories of our four Founders. At our Christmas meeting we restored our old custom of exchanging "make-it-yourself" gifts and enjoyed an informal program of games and stories.

At our first meeting in October, Mr. Gideon Stieff, son of Claire Stieff (Alpha Delta), showed us the pictures he took when stationed in Japan and Korea. Because the Junior League Pre-School for Blind Children is our local philanthropy, we were particularly interested in another speaker's discussion of her work with these children. At another meeting we heard about the work of the Institute of Logopedics, which is our national philanthropy. In a lighter vein, a beauty consultant from the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios gave us hints on make-up and complexion care. Another meeting was devoted to fraternity education.

In addition to contributions to our national and local philanthropies, Baltimore alumnae completed its pledge to furnish a guest room in the beautiful Theta house at the University of Maryland.

Newly elected officers who assumed their duties in the spring are: Anne Dankmeyer Hopkins (Alpha Delta), president; Lois Cook (Alpha Gamma), vice-president; Margaret Shilts (Kappa), recording secretary; Marilyn Nuttle (Beta Rho), corresponding secretary; Winifred Wilson (Alpha Delta), treasurer; Patricia Harrison (Alpha Delta), Panhellenic representative, and Eleanor Megraw (Alpha Delta), as editor. A special vote of thanks was given Dottie Heiss Drury (Beta Eta), retiring president, who gave the chapter two years of capable and inspiring leadership.

Mary Carter (Alpha Mu), was our official delegate to the Convention in Banff Springs. Also attending were Marion Hinds McCormick and Mary Carter Fusselbaugh of Alpha Delta.

The year ended on a note of fun and fellowship with our annual May picnic. Jane Hammond (Alpha Chi), chairman of the picnic, provided a delicious supper at the new country home of Eleanor Dilworth Mace (Alpha Delta). We were delighted to have Eva Brewer, District Alumnae President, speak to us that evening.

We are now anticipating another successful and enjoyable year under the leadership of Anne Hopkins, our new president.

Eleanor Megraw

## BERKELEY

The Berkeley alumnae chapter has a feeling of satisfaction upon looking back over the many things accomplished during the 1955-56 season. The exciting and varied entertainment offered by our efficient program committee got off with a bang in September when we had our dessert and coffee meeting at the home of Frances Mathew Dinwiddie. Charlie Fenton Clarke, National Magazine Chairman, spoke of the Magazine Agency and the need of our support. This talk, followed by Ethel Foltz Pickering's report of the district convention held at Long Beach, made us enthusiastic and determined to work hard for Theta in the pursuing months.

October found us hosting the San Francisco alumnae, Diablo Club and the Junior Group at the Theta house on the campus. Our own Dean Katherine Towle was the speaker that evening and she amazed us with her facts and figures on housing conditions at the University of California.

In the month of December we held a buffet luncheon at the home of Mary Diekman Babington. Canon Charles Guilbert, husband of our Betty Lay Guilbert, addressed the group with a timely speech entitled "The Meaning of Christmas."

Our annual husbands' night was held at the home of Bernice Lucas Dinwiddie and after a delicious dinner we heard an interesting talk by Dean Grether. It was an evening enjoyed by all and one that has become a pleasant memory.

Plans for our Founders' Day luncheon were in the capable hands of Virginia Lyon Gideon. It was held at the House and the large turn-out of Thetas included not only the Omega actives and Berkeley alumnae, but alumnae from Diablo, our Junior Group and San Francisco. Gene Shaver McDuffee was the toastmistress and introduced our speaker, Alice Lease Gonser. The candle ceremony, written and delivered by Ethel Rose Taylor Horstfall, was an inspiration to all. Our honored guests for the day included the following Fifty-Year Thetas: Ester Merrill Fay, Dorothy Hart Bruce, Irene Bangs Barton, Leila Lindley McKeivitt, Jr., Edith Slack, and Ethel Rose Taylor Horstfall. The afternoon concluded with Alice Lease Gonser installing the following officers of Berkeley alumnae chapter: president, Ethel Foltz Pickering;

It takes many to make a masterpiece; one to create it, and the rest to realize it.



Pictured on the patio of the Omega chapter house at Berkeley for Founders' Day are (seated, left to right): Judy Johnson, president of Omega chapter; Alice Lease Gonser, Grand Alumnae Secretary, and Genevieve Shaver McDuffee, College District President. Standing are: Elizabeth Schilling Drury, Ethel Foltz Pickering and Virginia Lyon Gideon.



vice-president, Aline Whitaker Broome; recording secretary, Bette Poe Evans; corresponding secretary, Criss Cross Morton; treasurer, Marjorie Lange Hendrickson, and editor, Kathleen Carmichael Schwartz.

Our spring luncheon and fashion show, under the chairmanship of Esther Uhl Josi, was held at the house during February. All Thetas and guests present had a busy time exclaiming over the clothes modelled by our active girls. Besides a most pleasant afternoon we were thrilled to raise \$400 to help furnish the new wing to be built onto the Theta house.

A delightful dessert and coffee meeting was held during April at the home of Maizie Cross Ball. Mr. R. B. Litton, Jr., talked on landscaping and had many interesting slides for illustration.

The final meeting of the season was a "swim" party held at the home of Eleanor Bumsted Chick. The Omega seniors and the Junior Group were our guests and after a potluck supper we settled back to hear an address by Mrs. Bartlett B. Heard. An engraved spoon was presented to Priscilla Sroufe for obtaining the highest grade average of the graduating seniors.

Throughout our busy year the Berkeley alumnae chapter again found time to send 200 dozen cookies to Oak Knoll Veterans Hospital and sell Pinola, Christmas cards and Club Party Cake. Now all of us, following this year of achievement and growth, are looking ahead eagerly to the resumption of our activities in the fall.

Kathleen Carmichael Schwartz

## BOSTON

After a wonderful and inspiring meeting with our new District Alumnae President, Peg Flaherty, on last Founders' Day, the general consensus of opinion was "What a ball of fire THIS gal is." The spark caught on and we made all sorts of plans for a renewed membership drive. The problem is that our members (and potentials too) are scattered all over the Greater Boston area. Our hopeful solution was

to appoint Area Hospitality Chairmen to organize extra area meetings and rekindle the old flame in some long lost sisters. And finally, we hope to see more of these Area Meeting Faces at regular meetings.

Another focal point of the year was the presentation of a 50 Year Membership Certificate to Marie Boisson Bradley (Beta chapter—Indiana). Her mother was a founder of Beta chapter and was personally acquainted with the founders of Alpha chapter. Marie reviewed her memories of Hanna Fitch Shaw, one of the founders of Kappa Alpha Theta. Grace Johnson (Lambda—Vermont), who received her certificate last year, made the presentation. Boston alumnae chapter is fortunate to have two such grand and faithful members.

Edith Colegrove Noyes

## BUFFALO

Going, going, gone! The auctioneer's call ushered in our white elephant sale at our April meeting. This has been our money making project for several years. Needless to say, what we take home one year often returns for resale the next. We are planning to do something different this year, since white elephants are becoming scarce. We are going to sponsor a performance of one of our little theater groups next spring.

For the past year we have held evening dessert meetings with two exceptions. We end our season with a June picnic to which husbands and sweethearts are invited, and our Founders' Day celebration is always a luncheon on the Saturday nearest January 27.

We were very happy this past year to have as our honor guest on Founders' Day our District President, Peg Flaherty. She discussed with us some of the problems and policies of the fraternity. As is our custom we followed the Founders' Day ritual and also formally welcomed new members into our chapter.



We are continuing our local project which we started many years ago. We give a small gift to each child in the Protestant Home for Children on his birthday and we also send him a birthday card. Once a month we send a cake for the party that is held once a month for all the children whose birthdays occur during that period. Our efforts are greatly appreciated by the Home, and we find it a very satisfying undertaking.

Of course we had our Christmas party in December when inexpensive gifts were exchanged, and at our other meetings we have had programs ranging from talks on the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra to hilarious dramas depicting the reasons why we should patronize the Theta magazine agency.

We have been very fortunate the past year or two to have added to our membership a number of young and enthusiastic Thetas who are imbuing us with new ideas and pep. This is very good for us, and we are looking forward to a pleasant and productive year.

Hildred Newell Richmond

## BURLINGTON

Eight regular meetings of the Burlington alumnae chapter have been held this year besides the annual "June Spread" at commencement, attended by 80 alumnae, seniors, and mothers of seniors, and declared "the best ever."

We had, as usual, a box lunch supper for the actives at the chapter house in October; a food and talent auction to raise money for charities in November; a delightful Founders' Day tea for Theta mothers, actives, and alumnae in January; and the senior service to welcome seniors to the alumnae group in May. We had a sale of the Dallas, Tex., alumnae chapter Christmas cards to raise money for logopedics, and have also followed the Theta Magazine Agency plan for the same cause.

We have accomplished a careful revision of the chapter by-laws. We have organized an adoption of pledges by alumnae, and were pleased to be invited by actives to a meeting when pledges were discussed. Two actives have been invited to each of our meetings. This closer co-operation between actives and alumnae was given special emphasis by Peg Flaherty, our alumnae district president, when she paid us a delightful visit in April. She was certain that an enthusiastic response from alumnae to this challenge would bring sure rewards. She also stressed plans for a Panhellenic alumnae group.

The Theta Mothers' club returned our Founders' Day invitation this year by giving an extremely pleasant tea for the actives and us. They are also helping in many ways, especially in carrying out the plans for our main project this year, in comparison with which all other interests seem minor. Yes, the rebuilding and enlargement of the Theta house is really happening, and we shall accommodate twenty-eight girls, instead of eighteen, in September. At every meeting, our very efficient and courageous building committee has told us step by step of their fund raising and planning, and alumnae enthusiasm has grown steadily.

At the moment, we are enjoying vicariously the happy enthusiasm of our convention delegates to the Banff Convention, reflected in a picture taken for the Burlington Free Press—Margaret Stevens, a former district president, Lynn Willey, president of the Burlington alumnae, and Janice Fayen of the class of 1957.

Alice H. Derby

## CHICAGO-SOUTH SIDE

Sewing another name in black and gold on the damask cloth means a new member has come to the Chicago-South Side alumnae chapter. The seamstress

If it's too late for Christmas ordering—  
Order for yourself and family

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Seated: President Doris Healy Schuber of Chicago-South Side and Joyce Davis Holson. Standing: Barbara Biossat Snow and Beverly Davis Holman.

is Doris Healy Schuber (Delta), newly elected president of the group. She is pictured with several members of her board; Joyce Davis Holson (Delta), Barbara Biossat Snow (Beta Iota), and Beverly Davis Holman (Alpha Psi). (Those who attended convention will remember the attractive sisters, Beverly and Joyce.)

The cloth was begun four years ago as a means of inspiring interest in attending meetings and is now used for the luncheon meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.

The chapter has about 25 members—a small group when one thinks of it being in Chicago, but the girls do a wonderful job in working together for their one annual money raising project, a dance that has grown in popularity and attendance each year.

Because the chapter is a small group, it joins with a newly formed club, South Suburban, to celebrate Founders' Day early in February.

Patricia Henry Beck

## CINCINNATI

The year of 1955-56 was a successful one for Cincinnati Thetas—we gained new members, we had fun, we worked together, and we raised money for our projects. In analyzing the activities of our group for this year, perhaps the one thing we can pass along to others is the scheme of building our programs and plans around our own members. Our Program chairman looked around and found willing Theta talent just waiting to be asked.

At the November meeting, for instance, which is traditionally our Christmas party, Grace Miller Todd

(Alpha Tau), charmed us with her tricks in wrapping Christmas parcels. Her ideas were so clever and her talk so interesting that we were all inspired to buy of the "makings" which she had conveniently brought along. Our treasury benefited from this meeting and the many Thetas who braved the icy night benefited also. Grace has consented to the same program again this year and we are all saving our Christmas wrapping shopping for the November meeting.

In flowerless January, two talented Cincinnati Thetas brought us the timely topic of "Flowerless Arrangements." Louise Eastman Warrington (Alpha Tau) and Betty Koolage Pogue (Alpha Tau) collaborated on this topic to give ideas of decorating without flowers.

About this time our Ways and Means chairman, Louise Hickox Gay (Tau) had the wonderful idea of asking Frances Jones Poetker (Alpha Tau), a leading florist in Cincinnati, to give a lecture on the "Romance of Flowers" for our big money making project. The Alpha Tau chapter house had recently been remodeled and we were eager to pay off a substantial sum on the mortgage. Frances consented and her fascinating lecture drew over 700 women and a few men.

For the March meeting another Theta was waiting to talk to us about her hobby. This was Ethel Atkins Nickerson (Alpha Tau) who has the most unusual hobby of collecting cookbooks. Her talk built around her knowledge of cookbooks and her collection of over 200 was most interesting to the Theta homemakers.

The resources have just been barely tapped. We find that there are many more members in our group who have something to tell us about and so this year we will continue to call upon them. In this way we hope to continue to grow and to enjoy our monthly get-togethers.

Betsy Boland

## COLUMBUS

The Columbus Thetas enjoyed a busy year under the capable leadership of Martha Shawaker Abernathy (Alpha Gamma).

An enthusiastic group turned out for the October potluck dinner. Our group is composed of so many good cooks that our fare was delicious. After dinner we met the new pledge class at Ohio State.

November provided us with a nice surprise, as our meeting began with the announcement by our treasurer, Betty Hodges Kennon (Gamma), that we had sold \$500 worth of tickets, and this money would be our donation to The Institute of Logopedics. This was a busy meeting as we also held a Chinese auction. There were so many pretty things to buy, and most of them were handiwork of the alumnae.

January twenty-first found us gathered at the Fort Hayes Hotel to honor our four Founders. We were privileged to have as our speaker Morton Brown Gusweiler, Alumnae President for District Ten. Her enthusiasm for her job in Theta is really an inspiration. The luncheon was ended with the Pin Service which honors girls who are outstanding in various facets of active chapter life.



Through rain and snow many brave alums found their way to Bobby Belt Loveless' (Beta Tau) charming home for a program on the care of house plants. This talk, given by a local florist who has a Theta daughter, was both informative and helpful.

Everyone shared in the mirth of March's meeting, when alums came dressed as they were in college. History presented itself in the form of flapper dresses and Bermuda shorts. Plans were made for our Theta alumnae dance, and the active chapter entertained us with a skit and an explanation of their very efficient rushing procedure.

We always enjoy our meeting with the Theta Mother's Club, and in April we shared a potluck supper with them. Our speaker was introduced by Ann Laylin Grimes (Alpha Gamma), who played on her dulcimer and sang some folk songs first. Mr. Ogden Wintermute, an antique dealer, spoke on the subject of antiques and in particular American glass.

On May 23 the Alpha Gamma chapter at Ohio State celebrated its sixty-fourth year on campus. Highlights of the birthday dinner included a district report by Virginia Speidel Edwards (Alpha Tau), our district president, and the awarding of fifty year pins by Edith Cockings, one of Alpha Gamma's founders, to Mildred Stuber Moon and Grace Cockins Brown, both Alpha Gamma alumnae. Welcoming the recent graduates into the alumnae circle with the Ivy Service concluded our last program for the year.

Joyce Sandbo Shisler

## DALLAS

The Dallas alumnae chapter is looking forward to another year of record attendance. Attendance, which keeps increasing, is due not only to the fellowship and luncheons together for Thetas, but also to the varied good programs arranged by Mildred McCreary Foster, serving her second year as program chairman. She has brought to the chapter meetings Dallas persons of outstanding talent.

Typical programs: Elizabeth Hughes Bohanna, Theta from the University of Kansas, fashion consultant for Neiman-Marcus, who spoke on "Style vs. Fashion"; Canon Curt Junkers of Canterbury House, S.M.U. campus, who talked of "Education and Religion"; Mayme Diffey, soprano and a Theta alumna; Walter Jubin, formerly of the staff of Metropolitan Museum in New York, lecturer on interior decorating, and James Meeks, director of the Dallas Public Library.

The night group also had such programs as a swimming party, book reviews, art lecture, and a discussion of cerebral palsy by Margaret Watkins, M.D., and Phillip N. Hood, Ph.D. Dr. Watkins was a Theta at the University of Texas and has devoted much of her medical career to aiding victims of the disease.

Plans are under way for a large Founders' Day

banquet by Dallas Thetas. In charge will be Miss Katherine Duls, Mrs. Charles Meeks, Mrs. A. P. Kimborough and Mrs. H. V. Jamieson.

Minnie Lila Paul Duckworth

## DAYTON

Our September meeting started us off with an enthusiastic outlook for the new year. Martha Borchers (Beta Tau), our delegate to last year's district convention, gave us a report which stimulated both our minds and interest. Among other things she told us of cute little Christmas decorations we could make for our talent sale in November, proceeds of which will go to the Institute of Logopedics. It was decided to have a dinner work meeting in October at Joan Cramer Paddock's (Gamma Deuteron). Everyone enjoyed the dinner meeting—possibly because Dad kept the children. We all took old and broken beads and ended up with a little work and imagination and a darling Christmas tree ornament.

Our Christmas party for the actives was held at Dottie Learch Berner's new house. There were 30 actives and alums present, which we thought was a good attendance.

Morton Gusweiler, our Alumnae District President was our Founders' Day speaker. I don't think we have ever had such an enthusiastic speaker and if some of us had forgotten the true spirit of Theta in the years away from college we all seemed to regain a truer meaning of the values of our fraternity from Morton Gusweiler and our Founders' Day banquet.

Our February meeting, which was held at Jane Baker Miller's (Beta Tau), was a play review by Louise Kramer Ferguson (Beta Tau) on the *Solid Gold Cadillac*.

In March we had an interesting and unusual dinner meeting at Dottie Pritchard Eddy's (Beta Tau). Most of us felt like kindergarten pupils when Janet Schoenberg Robinson (Beta Tau) handed out tracing paper and cutout animals. We were soon fascinated and hard at work with our pencils. When we were finished we had made attractive learning cards for the Institute of Logopedics.

We all had a good case of wanderlust after our April meeting at Connie Mettler's (Alpha Gamma) when Eleanor McCann (Beta Tau) showed us her color slides from her recent trip to Europe. We were brought back to earth by our business discussion which included a report on the March Rummage Sale which was a success. Dottie Lerch Berner made a report on the success of our February Bridge Benefit.

The May meeting was a Bridge Party at the home of Shirley Snyder Wagner (Beta Delta). This wasn't the first Theta bridge party for many of our alums who have organized their own Theta Bridge Club. Holly Adler Arvanites is the telephone Chairman and

We're trying to keep the magazine slim, cutting material whenever it's possible—but we didn't mean to cut the n off Carol Hahman Bayfield's name in the last issue, page 44. The space saved there wasn't worth the sacrifice of accuracy. Sorry!



she calls all alums who are interested in playing bridge and they meet once a month at one of the girls' homes. Many Thetas just out of college or new to Dayton feel that this is an excellent way to get acquainted.

We are all getting spring fever and feel that a good way to end our year is with a picnic for the actives and alumnae from Dayton. Joan Darby Siebenthaler (Beta Pi) had the picnic at her home and planned basket lunches for us all.

Summertime activities and long awaited vacations bring a brief interlude to our Theta projects. See you next year!

Marilyn McKenzie Curtis

## DENVER

In Denver's Greek circles, people were talking excitedly about Theta this past year. The reason was that Theta, and Theta alums, were making the news. Three events brought honor and fame to our Denver Alumnae chapter:

At an October luncheon, Martha Springsteen Frye was installed as president of Denver's City Panhellenic. Under the rotation system, this is an honor that will not come to Theta for another thirty years. Needless to say, we are very proud of Martha's capable leadership and we feel that she is doing an outstanding job presiding over the city Panhellenic. To honor Martha in her new position, Theta gave a tea last December. Representatives from all sororities in Denver were invited, and fittingly enough, the tea was held on the local Denver University campus.

In April, Theta led the way socially and philanthropically. Two young alums, Jane Moore Stalder and Patricia Joffe Bowman, headed the tea and fashion show to raise money for the Colorado Society for Crippled Children and Sewall House. This event, presented by the Daniels and Fishers Store Co., and sponsored by Sewall House, was highly successful. It will be repeated again this coming spring, when direction will again be given to a Theta, Janet Keating Lames, who has so tirelessly worked for Sewall House.

The highlight in May was a tea for Josephine Brossard Stansfield, our district president. This tea honoring Jo included special guests such as representatives from all Greek advisory boards in the city; the presidents and housemothers of the college chapters; and all district, province and national officers who were in Denver at that time.

Our regular monthly Monday night meetings were interesting, informative and worthy. Delores Pledst, our program chairman, arranged for interesting guest speakers. Among them a fashion expert, an Indonesian student whose reflections were fascinating to us American women, Indian dances and music, an author who spoke on juvenile fiction, and a horticulture expert.

Founders' Day luncheon at The Cherry Hills Country Club in February was wonderful. In March our meeting included the installation of new officers. And our bi-yearly rummage sales, in October and May, were profitable.

Accolades to Mary Cook Huggins for her excellent

work as recommendations board chairman and coordinator; to Jean Phillips Brigham, our past president; and to Jean Hershey Rich, our new president.

It has been a good year . . . a year filled with work, fun and profit. And it has been made exciting by the news that Denver's alumnae chapter is the third largest in the nation!

Beverly Anderson Nemiro

## DES MOINES

The Des Moines alumnae chapter had an exceptionally good year. Our big money making project was selling a handsome Christmas card especially designed by Mr. Stan Hess of the art department of Drake University here in Des Moines, "free gratis." We had such success with our first Christmas card venture we've ordered thousands more newly designed cards for this season. We're hoping and planning for another bonanza. Some of our alums, including our president, Marie Anderson Fitz (Rho) went to Convention, reported having a wonderful time as well as gleaned lots of new ideas to spark this coming year's meetings and activities.

We're always proud of our actives here at Drake chapter and now we're especially proud of our Carol Morris. She was crowned *Miss Universe* at Long Beach, California, July 21. Carol's a darling—just as sweet as she is beautiful. In all the excitement of winning the *Miss Universe* contest, when Marie Fitz called her long distance our hearty congratulations, her first concern was how everyone was here in Iowa and what was going on at Drake.

When Carol made her first visit home after the contest in Hollywood and some television appearances in New York, we alums had a reception for our *Miss Iowa* at the home of Ann Goodwin (a Northwestern active) here in Des Moines. We all got to chat with Carol and meet her parents—the Rev. Mr. Laverne Morris and Mrs. Morris of Ottumwa, Iowa. It was easy to see that Carol's charm comes from her delightful parents. We all love the Morris family. Carol has a contract with Universal-International Studio and one with Catalina bathing suits so she will be very busy for a year; but she plans to return to Drake next year (she's an education junior) and resume her college work. We're all looking forward to seeing her again.

Mary Lou Peterson Massman

## DETROIT

The Detroit Thetas chalked up another busy and gratifying year under the most capable leadership of Virginia Sands MacLean.

A "Bring and Buy" sale was held in November, its purpose being to provide funds to Pi chapter at Albion College and for our own chapter projects. Coyetta Youmans Childs acted as chairman and was assisted by Cordelia Higgins Stern. Of the \$198.57 profit received from the sale, \$100 was sent to Pi chapter and \$50 was given to help defray the expenses to Grand Convention of a member of Pi chapter advisory board.

The members of the Birmingham club joined us for our Founders' Day celebration. We were especially



happy to have them with us. Miss Annetta Eldridge, the Executive Director of the Y.W.C.A., spoke to us on "Women in Volunteer Work." Evelyn Widman Tunncliffe, our Grand Second Vice-President was an honored guest of the day.

We are extremely proud to report that we netted \$2,404.35 from the sale of Christmas cards. Our success in this project enabled us to send \$500 to the Institute of Logopedics and \$1800 to the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic. A special vote of thanks is due our Philanthropy Committee chairmen, Marjorie McElroy Moote and Dorinne St. Claire Van Sciever.

And so we close the books on another successful year of the Detroit alumnae chapter.

Ann Schaffner Reed

## EDMONTON

A rousing opening of our first meeting of the year took place at the chapter house when the active chapter auctioned many and varied trinkets to the alumnae and actives. The money earned will be spent on a new steam iron and ironing board for the house.

Isobel Alcorn as president and her executive committee have planned a busy and interesting year for alumnae. An out-of-town rummage sale for October, a "European Tour" for November and a tea with the Mothers' Club for December are a sample of our activities. This year our Founders' Day banquet will be held on January 28th. It is a very special occasion: the 25th anniversary of the installation of Beta Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Alberta.

Mary Truesdale Martin gave a vivid account of her attendance at Convention. Dorothy Magoon Hall and Nancy French Davies told us more. And all alumnae who had attended Convention again waxed enthusiastic about friends, happenings, the wonderful share taken by the Calgary club and Kappa Alpha Theta. Needless to say, the 1956 Banff Convention will be long remembered by Edmonton alumnae.

Rita Dickson Calhoun

## EL PASO

Well, another busy year behind us!

We had a wonderful Founders' Day banquet on Jan. 24, complete with the candle ceremony and a skit presented by some of the younger members. We were pleased to have as a guest our 51-years-in-Theta, Mrs. Battelle White, who has been a devoted member and hard worker and is much respected by everyone.

Our chapter has two night meetings each year for the benefit of our professional members but otherwise, we have regular luncheon meetings.

This year we sent Margaret Barron Daeuble as our representative to the Grand Convention in Canada and she came home with a glowing report that was an inspiration to everyone present.

For the first time, our chapter decided not to have a summer rush party and we are all convinced that it doesn't hurt a thing, since more and more colleges are not allowing their girls to attend anyway.

We are exceptionally proud to have had Elizabeth Cameron Davis chosen as the representative of the

Association of Junior Leagues of America for the meeting in Munich, Germany, of the International Conference of Social Work. We are also proud to have been able to present appropriate gifts to two of our active members for their part in the Sun Carnival. Ruthie Kay Fulwiler, Alpha Theta, was the lovely Sun Queen while Alice Jane Homan of Sophie Newcombe was the Duchess for the Junior League of El Paso.

Our chapter sent \$100 to the Logopedic Institute and this Christmas we are each responsible for \$10 worth of greeting cards that also benefit the Institute.

Needless to say, we are all looking forward to another busy year as a chapter!

Frances Hoard Glasier

## EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

You can't have Helen Hansmann Leister (Tau '31) for a president and not know you're a member of the Evanston-North Shore alumnae chapter. Turning her gavel to a spade, she is digging out apathetic Thetas by the carload. Helen starts them in the kitchen with a plea that Theta needs them to fix celery or something, and pretty soon they're enthusiastic chairmen working like beavers and loving every minute of it.

Perennial workers smile to see the contagion of their lifetime devotion to Theta, and relax that the chapter is still in good hands. Jeannette Gemmill Grasett (Tau '16) at the March meeting on fraternity education, chatted informally on the highlights in her life with Theta . . . not so much about when she was Grand President, Grand Treasurer, 3-time Convention Manager, chairman of the national Finance Committee, etc., but more along human interest slants wherein business became alive, and problems amusing and entertaining.

Such geniality was the flavoring for the year, so that when Thetas brought their husbands and beaux to the benefit Christmas cocktail party, no one was surprised that over 130 showed up. Donations at the painless benefit netted over \$300.

It seemed natural that Lorraine Anderson Schroeder (Tau '30) would have the party in her beautiful home, always a converging point for this suburban alumnae chapter. It also seems natural that in writing any story about North Shore Thetas, the fact of the sadness which has touched that home should be noted. Lorraine's Bill died of a heart attack early in September. She says: "Bill would want you to come on back this year as planned." Like Lorry, he was a very good Theta himself.

In addition to the profit from Bill's punch, Madeleine Gude McElhatton (Alpha Chi '30) was right there at the door selling her herb charts, and twin kitchen-aid charts which now decorate some 200 kitchens. These are pretty pictures hand-painted by ten Thetas with steady nerves who worked in Madeleine's recreation room Tuesday morning all winter. The selling point was the attractiveness of the pictures, which President Helen matted and framed. But orders were repeated when owners found how handy it is to look on the wall and see that it is



tarragon, the thing to put in egg dishes; and that a cook book's elusive "no. 2 1/2 can" is actually 3 1/2 cups.

Money from these projects and others enabled the chapter to give \$400 to the Illinois State Project for Handicapped Children, \$200 to the Institute of Logopedics (passing the \$100 mark) and \$100 to Tau's scholarship fund. And two times, Pearl Burtness Newberry (Alpha Phi '23) took some alums and Tau actives to the Illinois Research Hospital where they gave birthday parties (about \$25 each) in the orthopedic wards.

This generosity was facilitated by the enterprize and ingenuity of Virginia Burns Boynton (Alpha '40) who planned it so that in 5 out of 7 programmed meetings, Thetas contributed their talent for the entertainment. Nobody had to pay the fiddler.

Jane Hymers (Tau '29) took us to Hawaii and back in one easy meeting. At the Glen View country club's spring luncheon, Purdie Nelson Meissner (Tau) reviewed *The Last Hurrah* so vividly that anyone could tell she's worked with Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Founders' Day was celebrated with the Chicago-Northside Club and Northwestern's Tau actives at the chapter house. Harriet Chittendon Pierson (Alpha Iota '25) narrated the Kappa Alpha Theta story while these four Thetas played the original Founders: Margaret Stults Cockrell (Delta '32), June Barber Allin (Tau '30), Nancy Lindberg Bodeen (Tau '52) and Nancy Roberts Draper (Psi and Delta '51). The Friendship Fund attracted \$66.72.

Thetas entertained again in April when Tau's actives and some of their mothers modeled fashions at the Mother's Club tea. Gracious Thetas opened lovely suburban homes for meetings all year; and diligent ones rolled up their sleeves to serve a lunch that could be covered by the 75 cents ante.

But they'll have to roll them up a little higher. With 107 paid members last year (all life endowment) and with 160 this year as of the first meeting, it looks as though President Helen could lay down her spade and let sleeping Thetas lie. Not Helen. She'll buy a pair of work gloves to assuage the blisters.

Sally Gwin Kelsh

## FORT WORTH

"Wait and get it at the Theta Bazaar" was the password among all good Theta alumnae and their friends in Fort Worth during the month of October. So, with much careful planning, pleasure, and hard work behind, it was no wonder the Christmas Bazaar surpassed our fondest expectations. The Bazaar was held in the most attractive modern home of Alice Rhea Thompson, our president. The gifts, all "Theta made" and displayed to their advantage, were magnificent and they made it almost impossible for anyone to pass without "indulging" in something. This fact was well attested to by the sending to National of a check for \$500, representing our bazaar earnings, to be used for logopedics. The most sought-after single item and the one that probably contributed the most to the earnings was a very handsome jeweled Christmas Tree Skirt made by Euella Pearson Laubenheim.

With everyone in the midst of all the pre-Christmas rush and partying, it was decided to forego a meeting and, instead, we had an After Christmas Coffee, honoring our actives and pledges. It was a perfectly delightful affair held in Kitty Edwards Durst's new home and each of us left with a feeling of completeness for the year about to end. It was a most successful year for all Fort Worth Thetas and we felt certain that the new year coming up would be even more so.

With the advent of the new year comes the "Looking forward to Founders' Day" feeling among Fort Worth Thetas. Due to the generosity and graciousness of Catherine Terrell Smith and her parents Dr. and Mrs. Truman Terrell, the Fort Worth Thetas have their Founders' Day meeting each year at the Terrell home. After an elaborate and delicious buffet supper, enjoyed by actives and alumnae, we had a short but most impressive program.

One meeting each year is set aside as a night party for members and husbands and, needless to say, our largest attendance usually seems to "happen" on that night. This year was no exception. On an evening in April, we gathered out at Ernest Allen's barn for a buffet barbecue supper. Under the able hostessing of Flo Floore Burgess, Jackie Sanders



## Happy Holidays

Planning the Evanston-North Shore Christmas benefit party are, left to right: Lorraine Anderson Schroeder, Helen Hansmann Leister, Jean Steffen Smith and Betty Dodds Meyer.



Thomas, Virginia Berry Hollifield, and Geraldine Whiteford Horne, all of us were thoroughly entertained and most delightfully surprised at the conversion of the barn into a cafe, complete with checked tablecloths and candlelight. Dancing to music from a nickelodeon topped off the evening.

Our concluding meeting, until fall, was a covered dish luncheon at the home of Gloria Voelkel Settle. Those assisting Gloria as hostesses were Elaine Querens Helm and Ann Whatley Ritchie.

Delia Carter Bowden

## FRESNO

Fresno alums are growing with Fresno! We're sharing growing pains with a brand new \$15 million, 400 acre college campus and with a community that has more than doubled in size since World War II.

In this, our first year as an alumnae chapter, our nearly 100 active alumnae are proud to dramatize the products of this richest agricultural county in the United States. Throughout the year, our decorations have been planned around these products. We served shocking pink punch from scooped out watermelon halves, and in our fall meetings dramatized the harvest, which included the use of various lush vegetables and fruits. Our committees also created dry arrangements which were a tribute to the raisin, wheat, grain and cotton growing areas.

Launching a chapter house for the Gamma Chis at Fresno State College, from an older, remodeled home, has resulted in growing with *real* pains. Muscles took a beating and liniment sales were brisk after the alums helped to scrape, paint and paper. Our first fall meeting took place "in the rough" in the unfinished parlor at the new house. Members supplied their own camp stools, sat on the floor or perched on paint ladders.

Our "labor of love" at the new chapter house has helped to further excellent relations with the college chapter, and to demonstrate fully that we are a young team, but a *working* team. Fresno chapter is working hard to grow . . . in Theta, . . . to grow with our college group . . . and to grow with Fresno!

June Johansen Benck

## HARTFORD

Our chapter has a problem which I expect is common to most, that of Raising Money. Each year we have had a benefit bridge party which has proven successful. The proceeds from this we send to the institute of Logopedics.

Also, we have decided that we would like to support the Multiple Sclerosis Fund. We are especially interested in this cause since one of our own members was a victim of this disease, Inez Hansen of Gamma Zeta chapter.

The problem was how to raise money. We are such a scattered group that cake sales and such were out of the question. Local laws prevented us from using lotteries. After much deliberation, we decided to leave it up to the individual member and hold her responsible for earning not less than five dollars.

The response was very gratifying and the ways in which the girls earned their money most interesting. Several girls held parties in their homes and charged each guest a small fee. This was a pleasant way for these people to make a contribution to Multiple Sclerosis and have a nice evening at the same time. Some of these were bridge parties and some were dinner parties.

Another member made children's shirts and blouses and sold them to others in the chapter. Several did babysitting to earn their money. Others made knitted articles and sold them. One girl held a jazz session at her home and charged admission. In fact, the talent that was discovered in our group surprised us.

This method for raising money was satisfactory in another way too. No one member had too big a burden placed on her, nor was she tied down with endless committee meetings to attend.

We hope that if other chapters try our method, they will find it as successful as we did.

Marcia Clinton Battey

## HONOLULU

During 1955-56 the Honolulu alumnae chapter combined their business meetings with Saturday brunches, luncheons and evening dessert gatherings.

The Christmas holiday season began with a cocktail party for our husbands at Bob and Nancy Martin's Manoa Valley home. We passed *bors d'oeuvres* we had each brought, while some of the husbands took turns serving out on the lawn.

Both our Founders' Day luncheon and our annual meeting were held at the Oahu Country Club. At the latter meeting the following officers were installed and each presented with a vanda orchid *lei*: Mary Dawson Smith (Omega), president; Sue Ransom Sprinkle (Beta Delta), vice-president; Nancy Crosby Martin (Beta Delta) corresponding secretary; Dottie Wilkerson Lindley (Alpha), recording secretary; Mimi Hill Worrall (Alpha Theta), treasurer; Pattie McGowan Black (Beta Rho), editor; and Evelyn Steele Ward (Alpha Sigma), Panhellenic delegate.

Our main fund-raising project for the year was a Chinese auction held in May on the large lanai of Anne Hawes Doering's (Alpha Psi) home. This was the second year for our auction, an idea brought to the Honolulu chapter from the Chicago area by Dottie Lindley. Members and their guests gave decorative and/or useful items to be auctioned and each bidder paid only the difference between the previous bid and her own. Thus we all had a good time as well as a profitable one for the chapter.

In July our annual "tea for the coeds" was held at Betty Alden Carter's (Phi) home with its beautiful view of the city and ocean. Since we have no college chapter in Honolulu, we always particularly enjoy meeting Thetas from mainland colleges who are attending the summer session at the University of Hawaii. It's especially fun for those of us who are lucky enough to find members of our own college chapters among the group. This year we were fortunate in also having Thetas from the post-convention tour attend the tea so that we could hear at first



## Do Drop in . . .



The new officers in the Honolulu chapter, festive with lei, are (left to right): Mary Dawson Smith, president; Dottie Wilkinson Lindley, recording secretary; Nancy Crosby Martin, corresponding secretary; Sue Ransom Sprinkle, vice-president; Pattie McGowan Black, editor, and Evelyn Steele Ward, Panhellenic delegate. Mimi Hill Worrall, treasurer, is not pictured.

hand about the Banff Convention, since our delegate, Dorsey Smith Hines (Beta Xi), had not yet returned from the mainland.

You may be interested to know that Charlotte Hall (Upsilon), a leading figure of the local Panhellenic society since its inception, is writing a history of Panhellenic from its early days to the present. We are all eagerly awaiting its completion.

We hope that any new Thetas in Honolulu who have not been contacted will get in touch with our secretary: Mrs. Walter C. Lindley, 2851 Kahawai Street. We are looking forward to a successful coming year and many good times.

**Pattie McGowan Black**

### HOUSTON

During the year 1955-56, the Theta alumnae of the Bayou City of Texas carried their share of the load in the maintenance of the Lone Star state's traditions for doing "bigger and better things." Their indefati-

gable president, Mary Chandler Lyman Kinzbach, in whose deft hands were placed the reins of our spirited chapter, proved herself to be a lady of no mean caliber.

Vacations and fall school days apparently presented no difficulty to the organizers of our first major undertaking, The Theta Antique Show. The spacious and attractive exhibition studios of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel were teeming with visitors during the 11, 12 and 13th days of October, as over 600 patrons viewed a truly outstanding collection of antiques each day. Elizabeth Sinclair Zarr, ably assisted by Mary Bryant Knickerbocker and other committeewomen, can be justly proud of having headed the most successful Theta Antique Show yet. Judging from the ticket sales, for which Pat Doyle Powell and Lydia Marks Petty were responsible, other organizations will try to engage some of our Thetas to help them. A well-done job of this kind affords us not only real joy in the job itself; but deep, heartfelt satisfaction. The true value of the \$180 sent to Hilda Huljob, our



Belgian foster child, the \$500 sent the Institute of Logopedics, the \$3124.44 sent the Houston Speech and Hearing Center can not be measured in dollars and cents, but we are aware that it more than rewards us for the time and energy spent on this project.

Mary Frances Bowles Couper's home provided a beautiful southern colonial setting for our Christmas Coffee, at which time each year we honor Theta Mothers, undergraduates and pledges. Florence Aves Bland and Dorothy Ehrmann Mason were chairwomen for the Executive Board who graciously served as hostesses of this affair.

On January 23, 1956, the inspiring tradition of lighted candles in memory of our Founders, and the passing of the birthday cake for the Friendship Fund, rekindled the spirit that has been the sustaining influence of our great organization since its birth. The warm and charming atmosphere of the Junior League Tea Room lent itself well to this occasion. It was climaxed by a clever presentation by members of the hostesses committee of Rachael Ward Herricke's play, "The Kappa Alpha Theta Story."

Officers for the new year were elected on February 15, 1956. Margaret Way Cheesman acted as hostess for this meeting. The following members were elected, but actually took office at the April 18, 1956, meeting: president, Florence Aves Bland; president-elect, Dorothy Walker Neal; vice-president, Anne Berry Patton; recording secretary, Margaret Way Cheesman; treasurer, Mozelle Downing Harper; Panhellenic representative, Nancy Balch Yde; corresponding secretary, Blanche Curtis Womack; editor, Joan Erickson Dearborn.

The "gentlemen's auxiliary," in which the husbands and dates are reluctant to admit membership, were guests at our annual picnic. The authentic Spanish-Texas home of Mrs. W. F. Lacy set the tone for a gala fiesta. Although this final function dates back to May 16, 1956, the nearly 150 who attended frequently refer to the fine time experienced by all, and for that reason we can close the record book now, knowing that the year 1955-56, will remain as outstanding in our chapter's history.

Joan Erickson Dearborn

## INDIANAPOLIS

The Indianapolis alumnae chapter conducted their series of monthly meetings and programs in an effort to arouse and interest all Thetas of the city. The immediate interest of the group was to make the annual Talent Bazaar increasingly profitable in order that our contributions to the Institute of Logopedics and the Marion County Child Guidance Clinic might exceed that of previous years.

Barbara Drollinger Walsh and Janet Hicks Shwalter, bazaar chairmen, announced their plans at our first meeting which was a covered dish dinner at the home of Jane Scarff McKinney. New members were welcomed into the group and the officers were introduced at this time.

Many busy days followed with each committee working steadily toward the Bazaar deadline. By the time the October meeting rolled around we had

gathered samples of many items to be sold and put them on display. This meeting, held at the home of Genevieve Burger Keehn, was doubly interesting. Slides were shown by Mary Rieman Maurer showing her "Tour of Korea and Japan with the Belles of Indiana." She was so enthusiastic in her narrative that many of us felt that we had shared some of her wonderful experiences. Donuts and cider were served as we viewed some additional slides.

The Marott Hotel was the scene of the Bazaar on the first of November. Tea was served to our guests in addition to the sale of delicious baked goodies, pantry delicacies, gay aprons, toys, attic treasures, Christmas cards and decorations, and surprise parcel post packages. Tickets were sold for a chance on a gift certificate at Ayres Department Store. In spite of the many hours of hard work spent preparing for the Bazaar we all felt that, again, it was quite a success.

A highly entertaining, yet informative, quiz program was held at the January meeting. The contestants were quizzed on Fraternity Education. We all agreed that it was a good way to keep up on our fraternity business.

Mr. Charles E. Meyer, buyer of Ayres' book department, came to our February meeting and acquainted us with a variety of new and interesting books. He reviewed several children's books as well as adult biography and fiction. Dessert was served following the program.

We were quite thrilled to have as our guest speaker for Founders' Day, Mary Ellen Parr, our loyal editor. She gave us an inside picture of her job and how the magazine is edited. The Alpha Chi chapter proudly received the winning cup for placing first in the active chapter song contest.

In April we continued to learn more in the field of Arts. Ann Wagner, radio and television performer gave an interesting talk on "Behind-the-Scenes Television." Most of us were amazed at the amount of work that is involved in producing the very shortest of programs and commercials. We asked Ann many questions about her work and television as a career for women. As a result, we went home feeling a little more intelligent as television viewers. The newly elected officers were installed by the president, Joan Bartholomew Garvey. Succeeding Joan as president is Barbara Fuller Gilson (Gamma). The other officers are: vice president, Jan Froeb Calvert (Beta); recording secretary, Barbara Melin Kropp (Tau); corresponding secretary, Mary Jane Shafer Summers (Gamma); treasurer, Sally Stewart Lieber (Alpha); assistant treasurer, Marjorie Wiggins Hanley (Alpha Chi); corresponding editor, Betty Schroyer Wade (Alpha Chi); and historian and archivist, Ruth Rian Grisemer (Beta).

Although our monthly meetings compose most of the year's program, our members were kept busy in many other ways. Some volunteered to serve as receptionist several afternoons a week at the Well Baby Clinic at Riley Hospital while others baked cookies for the Servicemen's Center or attended the Panhellenic activities.

As the year came to a close we gave our Conven-



tion delegates, Joan Garvey and Barbara Gilson, best wishes for a wonderful trip knowing that they would bring us new ideas and the enthusiasm to carry them out for another successful year in Theta alumnae history.

Betty Schroyer Wade

## KANSAS CITY

Another busy Theta year has been completed with the leadership of our enthusiastic officers and committees and the active participation of chapter members. Highlighting the year we look back to the lovely welcoming tea in September honoring new members at the home of Margie Fisher O'Neill (Kappa).

The crisp days of October found us preparing for the "Flaming Festival," our new project to raise funds for the Institute of Logopedics. The Festival, held the early part of November was a huge success. Thirty-five attractive exhibits utilizing candles were seen by hundreds of women. Through the sales of tickets and candles and the leadership of our ways and means chairman, Mariette Bennett Spencer (Kappa), a profit of \$1,152 was reached, \$500 of which was sent to the Institute.

The 86th Founders' Day Banquet was held at the Fountain Room of Milleman's where Mary Eager Reese Mantz (Alpha Mu) was named 1956 "Theta of the Year" for her contribution to civic affairs. Guest speaker was Nancy Kesler Wolf, president of Theta's District Five.

Through the winter our local project was continued at the Speech Clinic at the Kansas University Medical Center where a volunteer group of alumnae tend clerical work and take case histories.

There were many outstanding programs provided at the monthly meetings and dinners. President, Peggy Davis Brownlee (Kappa) began the year with her report on the district convention at Colorado Women's College and brought forth inspiring new project ideas. In November Mrs. Gloria Trippe showered us with ideas and suggestions for Christmas by displaying

fascinating items from her linen and gift shop. Other interesting programs included a review of *Good Morning Miss Dove*, an informative talk on "Decorative Trends" by Mr. Earl Eltaire of Town and Country Decorations, a film on the Institute of Logopedics shown by Beverly Cochran Lowry (Alpha Mu) and a talk by Mr. Logan Smith, "The Size of a Plate."

Installation of officers took place in March. Peggy Davis Brownlee is serving her second term as president. Vice-president is Clarice Washburn Loudon (Alpha Upsilon); corresponding secretary, Agnes Husband Hall (Kappa); recording secretary, Barbara Gresham Swick (Alpha Mu); and treasurer, Janice Bowden Scobey (Beta Mu).

Other officers installed were: assistant treasurer, Ruth Ann Woodin Roudebush (Beta Tau); archivist, Betty Miller Wheat (Alpha Mu); editor, Elinor Hoopman Martin (Alpha Mu); Panhellenic delegates, Anna Wray Vanorden Growden (Alpha Mu) and Mariette Bennett Spencer (Kappa); magazine representative, Ruth Burton Kerr (Beta Gamma).

Looking forward to another eventful and prosperous year as Theta alumnae we are enthusiastically making plans for another dazzling "Flaming Festival" this fall.

Elinor Hoopman Martin

## LANSING

The past, present and future of City Panhellenic of Greater Lansing is of great interest to local Thetas. Panhellenic alumnae have been organized in this area for 25 years. The story of how it began is a Theta story.

Peg Crawford Quinn, Pi, moved to Lansing from New York and brought with her an enthusiastic report on Panhellenic alumnae activities in the east. It was Betty Spedding VanDervoort, Alpha, who presented the idea of organizing a Panhellenic alumnae group. The year was 1930 and Betty, then president of the local alumnae chapter, saw the need for such a group in our college town. (Betty, now Mrs. Leo

# Flaming Festival

Left to right, Margaret Allen Koerper (Kappa), Betty Lou Ogan Washburn III (Alpha Mu), who is this year's "Flaming Festival" chairman, Gwen Nitzsche Shackelford III (Alpha Mu), and president Peggy Davis Brownlee (Kappa).





Tobey, is the mother of Nanette VanDervoort Martin, Beta Pi, District III president.)

Local chapter members were in agreement and chose Myra Lu Deacon Bishop, Eta, as Panhellenic organization chairman. Betty Andrews Hays, Beta Pi, chapter secretary, sent invitations to all active sorority alumnae groups, calling them together at Myra Lu's home. It was there that City Panhellenic began to function as a unit.

We have one project that we consider most worthy and support annually. It is written into the constitution of City Panhellenic and reads: "To maintain the Panhellenic student fund." This fund provides small grants for women students at Michigan State University, for things they need such as glasses and books. Each girl receiving such aid must be a good citizen and a C student at least. The grants are administered by Miss Mabel Peterson, assistant to the Dean of Students, women's division. In addition, the student fund gives scholarship grants to students who meet certain requirements. The entire fund is administered by the student fund committee, which is composed of Miss Peterson and several local Greek alumnae.

In support of this fund, last February Panhellenic chose a new project. Theta alumnae joined with other sorority alumnae and purchased their share of tickets



Pictured at the Lincoln Founders' Day observance are the two living founders of Rho chapter, Minnie Latta Ladd and Gertrude Laws Hardy, who were initiated April 9, 1887. Standing behind Mrs. Ladd are Mary Alice Cawood Cochrane (Rho '45) president of the Lincoln, Nebraska alumnae group, Mrs. Hardy, and Betty O'Shea Morrow (Rho '39) who was hostess at the dinner.



Lansing sorority alumnae groups move their retiring presidents into City Panhellenic, thus providing a more active and informed membership. Shown in picture is past president and senior delegate to Panhellenic for the Lansing chapter, Marion Clegg Carter, Beta Pi, being escorted by husband Linton to last February's benefit performance of *Sabrina Fair*.

to the comedy hit *Sabrina Fair*, a Lansing Civic Players Production. The benefit performance was fast moving, entertaining and a welcome change from the annual benefit bridge which was their chosen project up to 1956.

Chapter members are looking ahead to February 1957 when Theta Sue Waldo Bacon, Beta Pi, will be general chairman of the theater benefit. The play will be *The Fifth Season*, a very entertaining show. Of course proceeds will go to support the student fund. At a time when more and more students are attending college (over 18,000 registered fall term '56 at Michigan State University) it is nice to know that for the college girl in need, there is the ready student fund.

Rhea Bailey Butler

## LINCOLN

The Lincoln alumnae chapter began their year directly after rush week with a tea at the Theta house for the new pledges, their families and Mrs. Gladys Scott, housemother. Actives and alumnae were hostesses with Emily Wolcott Carpender chairman. A progressive dinner, for pledges followed in October. This took place at three different homes throughout the city. We felt the dinner enabled the girls to become better acquainted with the other pledges, their active mother and their alumnae mother.

Officers for the past year were as follows: Mary Alice Cawood Cochrane, president; Rena Forsyth Dean, vice-president; Lesley Grainger Browne, secretary; Joanne Noble Berkshire, treasurer.



Founders' Day was celebrated by a dinner at the home of Betty O'Shea Morrow. The high point of the evening was a candle lighting ceremony led by two of Rho chapter founders, Minnie Latta Ladd and Gertrude Laws Hardy.

A very enjoyable money-making project was held in May. We had an ice cream social in which we sold tickets to all of our friends and neighbors. Mary Helen Mallory was the chairman doing an excellent job. This ice cream social was a Sunday lawn party at the J. Marshall Neely home (Mary Barlow). There was a fortune teller, fishing ponds, various attractive game booths and two pony rings that proved to be the most popular. Topped off with ice cream, cake and lemonade, everyone—parents, grandparents and children—had a wonderful time. The profits went to Logopedics and to help finance the re-wiring of the chapter house.

Many of our efforts and thoughts have been aimed at the maintenance and decorating of the chapter house. This committee consisting of Ruth Farnham Traphagen, Mary Helen Allensworth Flangsborg, Mary Kelly Hellweg and Helen Drummond Southwick renovated the third floor of the house. The wallpaper was removed, the rooms, woodwork and hallway were painted in soft pastel shades. The job was completed with carpet in the hallways down the stairs, and improved lighting in the rooms and hall.

Beverly Williams Kimball

## LONG BEACH

Our 1955 Southern California Federation luncheon and fashion show held in Los Angeles at the Ambassador Hotel was very beautiful and successful. Our chapter held a high per cent in sales record and the share we earned was given entirely to Philanthropy. None was used for running expense. We are now working hard to sell tickets for this year's show, which will be held in February, at the *Beverly Hilton* in Beverly Hills. The Fashion Show is by Irene and is most attractive, drawing many celebrities to the luncheon.

Our contribution to the Institute of Logopedics was a generous one, also to our local philanthropy, Cerebral Palsied Children's Foundation and its school here in Long Beach. Our contribution to Girl Scouts was used to buy new books for their bookshelves at camp and fill out their shelves in their recreation rooms.

Helen Morgan Fielding (Mrs. Herbert, University of Oklahoma) has been appointed as leader of the fashion show for the American Red Cross. She has been for many years a volunteer during fund drives. She is on the Community Chest Board and on the Budget Committee; for the past five years served on the Board of Day Nurseries as well as being very active in Junior Charity League.

Louise Belatti (Alpha Pi) and Adeline Belatti Jones (Mrs. Leonard, Alpha Pi) have returned after a year of travel, bringing with them beautiful pictures of their travels and interesting tales of their experiences by car, all over Europe and elsewhere.

Ruth La France spent her summer in the Scandi-

navian countries and showed us beautiful colored slides of all her travels. Many of our chapter are traveling abroad this summer.

Virginia Reed Astle, our president, was delegate to Grand Convention. She reports great inspiration from the meetings, and will give us her full report at the next meeting. She was especially enthusiastic about the prevailing Theta friendliness and spirit which made the convention so peppy and worth while. We are looking forward to a full coverage of events.

Long Beach Thetas had the thrill of seeing in person, Carol Morris, Theta from Drake University win her three titles—"Most Popular Girl in the *Miss Universe* Parade," *Miss USA*, and *Miss Universe*. Carol had dignity and poise as well as beauty and it was quite a thrill to know she was a Theta. She will be traveling throughout the USA and to many foreign countries, the entire new year as *Miss Universe*.

Our last summer meeting will be a joint meeting and luncheon with Orange Coast Thetas at the Yacht Club, August 7, in Balboa, California. Soon we will be back at regular meetings and hear the reports of Convention, of our projects, and plan our routine work for winter.

Lottie Canham Hansted

## LONG ISLAND

The Long Island alumnae chapter achieved a goal set in 1950 when we began to contribute to the Institute of Logopedics. Our immediate past president and delegate to Grand Convention, Patricia O'Rourke Meyers (Adelphi) received for the chapter, a life membership certificate signifying contributions of \$1,000 to the Institute. It was only fitting that Pat, who has loyally served the chapter in many capacities, should have had the honor of receiving our award.

Our annual benefits have enabled us to reach this goal. In November 1955 a successful luncheon and fur fashion show, under the able guidance of Elaine Woody Walker (William and Mary), was held at the Milleridge Inn, Jericho, Long Island. Current plans are under way for this year's affair, a luncheon and fashion show, to be held in the same delightful setting. Chairman, Ross Rafter Keyes (Adelphi) promises as gala an affair as last season's.

The Long Island alums also claim the distinction of being one of those to support a war orphan through the Foster Parents Plan, a project which has been of deep interest to all of us since 1946. Angiola Melfitani, an Italian girl, has been our foster child for the past five years. Her appreciative letters have made us realize what a worth while cause this is.

Another way in which we have had fun and also added to the chapter funds is in decorating ceramics. For the past three years the October meeting has been set aside for this project. Members paint such things as salt and pepper shakers, ash trays, egg cups and pin boxes, which are finished by glazing and firing. We've found they make attractive Christmas gifts for our friends.

Interesting programs were planned by Elizabeth Howe Dewey (Massachusetts) and her committee. They included such things as an evening on HI-FI, a



Committee for the annual Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show held in November by the Long Island chapter were, (left to right): Mary Tuckerman Knuth (Vermont), Ross Rafter Keyes (Adelphi), Martha Hall Feyler (Syracuse), Kathryn Vorbach Fox (Adelphi) and Myrtle Hammell Cok (Montana).



visit to historic Sagamore Hill (the home of Theodore Roosevelt), a demonstration on making enamel jewelry and the annual Christmas Buffet and Supper Party. As on many previous occasions, an enticing menu was planned by the chairman, Maggi Averell Dadone (Adelphi).

Socially speaking, Theta husbands were invited to dinner and dancing at Mitchell Air Force Base last May. Such an enjoyable time was had that by popular demand two social events with Theta husbands have been scheduled for this season.

Now as the fall begins a new season, we look forward to another happy year with our Theta sisters under the leadership of President Martha Hall Feyler (Syracuse).

**Myrtle Hammell Cox**  
**Marilyn Anderson Mayer**

## LOS ANGELES

A gala social event started the fall season for Thetas in Los Angeles, when the Southern California Federation gave a benefit luncheon and fashion show at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in September, 1955. This is the second year the groups have joined forces for a large event and it has proved very rewarding. From its share of the profits, Los Angeles alumnae was able to donate \$225 to the Foster Parent Plan, making a total of \$1,695 given to date, \$269 to the Institute of Logopedics (swelling our contribution to this worthy cause to \$4,395.65) \$268 to the Florence Crittendon Home and \$50 to the U.S.O.

Beatrice Ward Challis has given an interesting and instructive short talk on fraternity education at each meeting this year to bring us up to date on some facts concerning fraternity policies and refresh our memory on others.

Our services to the U.S.O. in Hollywood are efficiently and tirelessly headed by France Effinger Carson. Approximately 35 boys are served on Theta day and this agency still serves a vital need in our community.

Founders' Day is always a highlight in the activities for the year. It was held March 17 at the Biltmore Hotel. Traditionally, Beta Xi and Omicron chapters

add spirit and sentiment to the occasion by singing songs. The Fifty Year Award was given to two members this year. The Friendship Fund amounted to \$74.60.

The Junior-Senior alumnae meeting was held in April at the new Omicron house with the juniors as hostesses. It was a pleasure to meet in such beautiful surroundings and the alumnae chapter was happy to have been able to contribute \$362.20 towards the furnishings of this new chapter house. One hundred fifty-eight dollars was used from our benefit profit and \$204.20 was taken from our philanthropy fund. Miss Swalstrom of the Florence Crittendon Home was the speaker of the evening and told some interesting case histories of this charitable organization.

Our last meeting in May was a "fun party" in true California fashion. Sitting informally around Mary Alice Christy Wartmann's swimming pool we enjoyed box lunches of fried chicken and the "trimmings." It was a delightful finish for another year of philanthropic work and friendly association and we look forward to the fall when we will meet at Jo Erzinger Sherward's beautiful home for our "Best Beau's" party.

**Marjorie Finch McClanahan**

## MIAMI

Summer and fall are particularly busy times for Miami alumnae chapter Thetas. All are busy planning and working in preparation for our annual Christmas Bazaar. It's gratifying to see how enthusiastic the chapter responds to the call of the bazaar. This year we again held the bazaar for only one day and netted \$2,382.67 as compared to \$2,001.36 in 1954. Mary Lee Hopkins Masterson (Beta Nu) was the general chairman and did a terrific job as did all the individual booth chairmen. Pearl Lowry Rankin (Beta) beautifully dressed a 22" doll. The doll and her complete wardrobe are the prize for our bazaar contest. This booth alone earned \$380. The Christmas Decorations booth led by Jeanne Muter Bechtolt (Alpha Omega) held first prize earning \$630.

From the proceeds of the bazaar a final payment of \$750 satisfied the \$10,000 mortgage for Beta Nu chapter house furnishings assumed by our chapter.



We are proud of the fact that we accomplished this in eight years instead of the ten years in the contract. Two hundred and eighty-five dollars was contributed for the philanthropy fund, \$100 to a local Theta in need, \$100 to St. Albans Colored Day Nursery, and \$100 to Lend-a-Hand Fund at Christmas. We also bought a wheelchair for a member who had polio—\$239. We continued our membership in the Junior Museum for \$25 and Y.M.C.A. for \$25. Our standing fund for school welfare work received \$50 and we gave food, gifts and clothing to two needy families at Christmas.

A Christmas tea was held this year at the home of Ann Greiner Blue (Alpha Gamma) and was planned in lieu of a dance. There were over seventy alumnae, actives, pledges and Theta mothers attending, which made the tea a huge success.

Founders' Day was celebrated January 28 at the Columbus Hotel. The Ft. Lauderdale chapter was invited and several of their members attended. The traditional Founders' Day ritual program was skillfully presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

In March, Ruth Robie Lacy (Beta Nu) was installed as our president and represented us at Grand Convention in June at Banff Springs, Canada. Her enthusiastic report at the July meeting was inspirational. How we all wished we could have been with her to congratulate personally our own "Flivver," Elizabeth Whalton Little (Beta Nu), when she was made Grand Treasurer. Our chapter was proud to receive the award (a gavel) for the *best alumnae chapter in a town without a college chapter*.

Other officers serving with "Robie" are Ellen Scholefield Alshouse (Alpha Chi) as vice-president, Marian McEwen Hutchison (Beta Nu) as recording secretary, Kitty Lou Hoffman Mixson (Beta) as corresponding secretary, Dorothy Barr Craig (Beta Nu) as treasurer, Jean Beilderback Wright (Delta) as auditor, Pearl Lowry Rankin (Beta) as archivist, and Anne Chichester Eason (Beta Nu) as parliamentarian. Our representative to the National Loan and Fellowship Committee is Florence Swanson Laurence (Upsilon).

Kappa Alpha Theta State Day was April 28 in Gainesville, Florida. "Flivver" Little and "Robie" Lacy from our chapter were both active in the workshops and program there.

In May, our chapter relaxed during the annual Husband's Party held at Robie Lacy's home. The buffet supper was delicious. A short ceremony was held to burn the \$10,000 mortgage for the Beta Nu chapter house furnishings which our chapter had just fulfilled.

Now begins another busy season with our annual Christmas Bazaar as the highlight.

Kitty Lou Hoffman Mixson

## MILWAUKEE

The Milwaukee chapter of Theta alumnae completed a useful and satisfying year under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. Roland Schmid. We feel that our accomplishments not only benefited our community but ourselves as well, for we enjoyed working together.

For several years, our chapter has successfully used the sale of Christmas cards and Christmas wrappings, as its primary money-raising campaign. In the spring, with the profit from these sales, we were able to give financial assistance to three organizations: the Institute of Logopedics, the Beloit Theta chapter and the Volunteers of America Day Nursery. The nursery, our permanent local project, was able to build a much needed play area for the children with our contribution.

In the fall, following our rushing party, our project chairman (Mrs. Edward Dickinson) again began our Christmas card program. Each year the results of this project have been more and more gratifying. With the cooperation of the entire group, we went over the top this year with a profit of approximately \$1000. Over one half the proceeds were the result of sales to women who are not Thetas.

It is our practice to make our Christmas meeting not only social but constructive in some manner to the Volunteers of America day nursery. Their request for new doll clothes was somewhat of a challenge for us, but we managed to complete everything from pajamas to party dresses in several hours. We also collected discarded clothing for the nursery children to use for "dressing-up." They were delivered to the nursery by Santa Claus.

February was highlighted by our big social event of the year—our dinner dance. It was arranged by our social chairman, Mrs. F. P. Grade, and held at the Tripoli Country Club.

In March we held our Founders' Day luncheon at the Milwaukee University Club. We all enjoyed hearing Dorothy B. Vaaler, Assistant Executive Secretary, who spoke on Theta statistics. We also heard a talk by our District President, Mary Hamilton Ackerman.

Mrs. Philip Johnson

## MINNEAPOLIS

The alumnae of Minneapolis began an interesting, busy year with helping the college chapter during rush week. Several donned aprons and served refreshments or dinner, as the party required, and then retired to the kitchen to wash dishes and chatter.

The "Football Smorgasbord" was held early in October following a victorious football game (how could we be so clairvoyant?) with wonderful success. The atmosphere of a large, old home contributed to

He who appears to smile is sometimes just gritting his teeth.



the gaiety and friendliness of the party. The St. Paul chapter and Twin City Junior group cooperated in all ways—preparing foods, serving, selling tickets and being hostesses. The proceeds were divided between the Institute and the local chapter house.

At an early fall meeting a furrier, new in one of the suburbs, gave a tempting style show. The Thetas who were models had a delightful time selecting their furs for all sorts of occasions. A gourmet chef demonstrated his talents and unusual recipes at another program meeting. The lucky girls who attended that time are still talking about the foods he prepared. Winter set in and the Thetas settled down to work making bean bags and painting blocks for the Institute. Everyone had a feeling of having really contributed after those work sessions, and they had fun doing it. Then came the request for decorations for Grand Convention on which the St. Paul chapter and the Juniors cooperated in the planning and making. Many sessions later they were finally ready for sending to Banff. Late in March the doldrums of prolonged winter were lifted by a party at the new Biltmore Inn—a luncheon and style show of spring clothes at which Thetas entertained their friends. This was a gala party and enjoyed by all.

The St. Paul chapter was hostess for the Founders'

Day celebration in April at a banquet held in the Woman's City Club in St. Paul. The twelve new initiates of the college chapter were honored as well as one fifty-year Theta. The birthday pennies basket was loaded with coins and bills (total \$42.78) for the Friendship Fund.

The following were elected in March as officers for the coming year: president, Mrs. R. F. Kirkman (Sara Foorman, Alpha Chi); first vice-president, Mrs. Norman H. Williams (Janet Laing, Upsilon); second vice-president, Mrs. Robert B. Rainey (Jeanne Dresden, Rho); treasurer, Mrs. Eugene E. Hickey (Imogene Colburn, Upsilon); secretary, Mrs. James M. Huston, Jr. (Ruth Losh, Beta Kappa); corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. B. Critchett (Jean Glauner, Upsilon); editor, Marcia Roos (Upsilon); Fraternity Education chairman, Mrs. George With (Joan Campbell, Delta); magazine chairman, Mrs. J. W. Cragg (Janet Baird, Upsilon); press relations chairman, Mrs. Charles J. Hawkins (Margaret Allen, Beta Xi).

Sara Foorman Kirkman

## NASHVILLE

The focal point of the year for the Nashville alumnae chapter was entertaining the members of



The Nashville alumnae chapter honored Grand Council at a tea when Ellen Hofstead held council meeting at her home last April.

Shown here are Jane Delony, District President, Ellen Hofstead, immediate past Grand President; Ann Hunt Schwartz, president of the alumnae chapter; Letty Munz, Grand President; Mrs. W. O. Tirrill, treasurer of the Eta House Corporation, and Mrs. G. A. Puryear, president of the House Corporation. The tea was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foscett Brown.



Grand Council who were meeting here as the guest of Grand President Ellen Bowers Hofstead. Mrs. Foskett Brown, mother of Dudley Brown Morgan, very graciously opened her home to the alumnae chapter and there we entertained Grand Council at a tea on April 6, 1956. It was a real pleasure to each of us to meet personally the members of Grand Council.

The past year was successfully opened with a buffet dinner at the home of Nancy McKisson Johnson. A very informative report of the district convention was heard after which we were entertained uproariously with a "Fashion-Less" show, narrated in verse by Virginia Sturdivant Dodson, showing just the latest in what to wear during the early morning rush hours 6 to 8 A.M., from hair curlers to arctic boots for putting the children on the school bus.

Christmas time found us entertaining the pledges of Alpha Eta. We also collected for a gift for the chapter house.

January 11 was starred by all Nashville alumnae for the Founders' Day Banquet at Hillwood Country Club. Sis Cain Cole was chairman and Virginia Sturdivant Dodson toastmistress. Theta loyalty and inspiration was felt from Miss Stella Vaughan's lighting of the four candles, representing the Founders, through a rededication of ourselves to Kappa Alpha Theta by a repetition of the initiation ritual.

Each year finds the Bal d'Hiver becoming more and more a Nashville, as well as Theta, custom. On January 27, 1956, at Bellemeade Country Club, the tenth annual ball was held. A beautiful as well as enjoyable affair was very successful financially for our philanthropies with \$1000 being sent to the Institute of Logopedics and \$1000 to the Family and Children's Service.

Young faces are always welcome and in May we so honored the graduating seniors with a buffet luncheon at the home of Josephine Cliff Fleming. Each senior was presented a pair of pansy earrings.

The year was successfully led by Ann Hunt Schwartz as president. We are looking forward to equal success under Alice Ingram Holcomb with the following new officers: vice-president, Susie Cheairs McKeand; corresponding secretary, Sara Stockell Jacoway; recording secretary, Sally Peebles Alexander; treasurer, Justine Paterson Rich; ball chairman, Mary Coverdale Brittain.

As this was the year Ellen Bowers Hofstead retired as Grand President, I feel that each Theta, and especially the Alpha Eta alumnae, want to express their appreciation for Ellen's capable service and loyal devotion to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Lucile Johnson Nelson

## NEW ORLEANS

Nineteen hundred and fifty-five and fifty-six was an enjoyable year for the New Orleans alumnae chapter. We have had a grand time working together; we have made many new friends; and we have accomplished many things which we aimed for, in our goal for the year. One of these accomplishments was try-

ing to create a closer and more cooperative relationship with the active chapter, Alpha Phi. We went about the problem by designating, for each alumna, a little sister or daughter from the pledge class. We tried to become better acquainted with these particular girls and to help them in any way we could. We hope that, this year, the program will continue and be even more successful than it was last year. We also helped with a few after-meeting suppers at the Theta house, and we had an "after-pledging party," after which the girls were taken to the French Market for coffee and doughnuts.

Our philanthropic projects for the year consisted of a very successful rummage sale which was held in the fall of the year, and a bridge party, which was held in the spring. The proceeds from these events were sent to our national philanthropy, The Institute of Logopedics.

Our outstanding meetings were a Christmas Coffee, which was given at the lovely new home of Peggy Lou Mathes; our Founders' Day banquet, with Adrienne Kepper as our toastmistress; and a beautiful spring tea at Jane Farnsworth's, with Mary Brandriff and the Alpha Phi seniors as our very special guests-of-honor. The year was climaxed with the annual Baby Party for our young mothers and their small fry under six years of age. This year they scampered around Betty Schmitt's back yard, and a grand time was had by all.

We have also been most fortunate in having visits from "Flivver" Little and Jane Chase Deloney, both Grand Officers, who arrived to help the active chapter and us with rush week.

Our efficient and attractive prexy, Adrienne Kepper, remains at the helm again this year, assisted by Elaine Olsen as vice-president, Dodie Treen as secretary, Marjorie Fremaux as treasurer, and the many, many others who are too numerous to mention. Shirley Weber replaces Audrey Stephens as chairman of the Advisory Board.

The year ended with Eleanor Smith flying off to the Grand Convention as our official delegate, and if what she says is true, we missed the Convention of the Century!

Even so, we New Orleans Thetas feel that we have had a most successful and good year.

Elleonora Perrilliat McWilliams

## NEW YORK

The second Tuesday of the month means Theta Night to a happy group of New Yorkers. They represent fifty college chapters—sometimes more—and their reason for being in the city are almost as numerous. Homemakers and career girls alike become one at Theta meetings in a friendly, stimulating atmosphere.

One time the group may gather at the Phi Gamma Delta Club, another time in someone's apartment. And for the biggest splash of the year, the Founders' Day tea, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel provides the atmosphere. This year the Founders' Day tea had a special treat for everyone. Theta's new Grand President, Letty Munz, was the principal speaker.



Other gatherings had some highlights. One of Omega chapter's distinguished alums, Dorothy Liebes, spent an evening with us. She told about her exciting career as a fabric stylist. Some of the examples she brought along were handsome patterns which had shimmering metallic thread running through. Some had bold patterns and others were magnificent blends of colors. Pictures of the many private homes, offices and ocean liners that she furnished gave hints of her unusual talents as a weaver of cloth.

This spring the prize-winning sculptor, Domenico Facci, demonstrated his art by doing a model of Tee Jay Williams Storch, our president. As Mr. Facci worked the clay into a likeness of her head, Thetas fired questions. Everyone learned a lot about sculpturing that evening.

The common bond of Thetahood has formed a nucleus for friendship and, in turn, gives the group an ability to work together. An extra strong drive on magazine subscription sales during the year helped to push the contributions to the Institute over the top at the \$1000 mark, and from Grand Convention our delegate, Bettie Lu Cox Lancaster, brought home the \$1000 award.

New Thetas come to the city every year and we love to welcome them. Although the New York chapter has a good time through most of the year, it hibernates for the summer. It's out again this fall, though, with a fine schedule of meetings coming up. And all newcomers are urged to come find us. Mrs. Donald Storch, 522 East Twentieth Street, can direct everyone to the next meeting.

Jill Faust

## OKLAHOMA CITY

Last fall the Oklahoma City alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta made \$2700 on a contest for our local project, the Children's Convalescent Home, and Institute of Logopedics, our national project.

These contest tickets, sold by members, was for an



Viewers were fascinated as the famous sculptor, Domenico Facci, modelled the head of Tee Jay Williams Storch, president of the New York alumnae chapter.



Doris French (left), shown here with Tee Jay Storch, just happened to visit the New York alumnae chapter the night of one of their most interesting meetings, a talk by Dorothy Liebes (Omega), distinguished fabric stylist.

all-expense trip to the Oklahoma-Notre Dame football game for two people, two tickets for the game, two round-trip fares on the train and hotel accommodations.

We gave a thousand dollars which we earned from this project to the Children's Convalescent Home for such equipment as triplex-chest weights, stall bars, quadriceps, boot assembly, bicycle exercisers, infra red lamp, portable hydrocellator, shoulder wheel and a stretcher with plastic pad.

The chief aspect of our local charity was that we gave our volunteer service by doing occupational therapy projects as well as financial support which was needed and wanted. These projects were planned by our project chairman Ann Tankersley McClain and her two co-chairmen Nancy Sugg Brown and Roberta Denny Brownlee, and were carried out the second Thursday of each month. The younger and older alumnae alike have given of their time and energy in making the local charity a success. We have spent 200 hours in educational therapy service and it has been a gratifying experience for every Theta who helped in this work.

Our paid alumnae membership was increased from 160 to 192, due to the efforts of Louise Scott Bass, hostess chairman, who managed to get many inactive Thetas on the active roll. Also the average monthly attendance was increased twenty percent.

The Oklahoma City alumnae chapter gave \$1000 to the Alpha Omicron Building Fund last winter.

Anna Maud Clow Roberts

## OMAHA

The past year has been filled with activity and success for the Omaha alums. The Ways and Means Committee, under the chairmanship of Dorothy Gregg Musselman (Rho), started off with a style show in



the fall. Virginia Chain Schmid (Rho) was chairman of this event and models were members of the alum chapter. This was followed by our annual rummage sale, headed by Elizabeth MacLennan Chase (Beta Kappa) and Imogene Leach Gwilliams (Beta Kappa). As usual, Thetas dug down deep and came up with lots of wonderful rummage.

The committee's next project was a new one and has been met with much enthusiasm. *Theta Tales of Cooking*, an attractive looseleaf cookbook compiled from a collection of each member's "special" recipes by Janice Labrie Fargo (Alpha Rho) and her committee is being snapped up not only by Omaha Thetas but by their friends and neighbors.

The Omaha chapter's most recent project has been the sponsorship of a lecture by Dr. Marcus Bach, foremost authority on religious movements, world traveler, author and lecturer. The program was held October 8 in the Assembly Hall of the City Auditorium and proceeds went to the Omaha Hearing School, our local philanthropy, and the Institute of Logopedics. Lucile Hosman Duffin (Rho) headed the lecture committee.

Service projects for the year included staffing the Omaha Hearing School with volunteer workers one day each week. While some members of the group worked with the deaf children at the school, other alums who could not leave home provided a babysitting service for the volunteers.

The Thetas also staffed a booth at the Children's Hospital Benefit Bazaar. Joan Legge (Rho) was in charge of the Bazaar committee and Pauline Snoke Jackson (Beta) headed the committee for getting workers for the Hearing School.

Some of the outstanding programs of the year included a return visit from Mr. Ray Gain, local florist, who demonstrated beautiful holiday flower arrangements at the December meeting. Mrs. Eugene Kingman, president of the Omaha Panhellenic Council, spoke at the January meeting and in February the

traditional Founders' Day ritual was observed.

Re-election of officers took place in March. Virginia Townsend Rottman (Alpha Iota) is president; Jane Van Sickle Clemons (Rho), vice-president; Edith Williams Malone (Rho), secretary, and Zetta Johnson Trester (Rho), treasurer. Sue Porter (Rho) was re-elected for a second term as editor but moved to Kansas City this fall so was replaced by Helene Greene Follmer (Beta Omega).

In April the Lincoln alums were our guests at a luncheon meeting and plans for the United Nations dinner at convention were discussed. The Omaha chapter, along with the Lincoln alums and Rho chapter at the University of Nebraska, were hostesses for this affair. We made the table favors, tiny plastic luggage tags bearing the flags of U.N. member nations and the motto, "Theta Friendships Circle the World." Virginia Rottman, our convention delegate, gave us an interesting report on her week at Banff at the September meeting, and Virginia Schmid told us of her research on the 16 girls who have received Theta fellowships. Her report was exhibited at the convention.

Members of the Omaha chapter who went to Banff said that Susan Stoehr's (Rho) skit was a high point. Suzy originally wrote the skit to help Dorothy Kelleher Bredar (Beta Omicron), magazine chairman, promote sales among the Omaha group. It was met with such enthusiasm, however, that the national chairman, Charlie Clark, asked that it be presented at convention.

Our current magazine promotion project is a contest which runs through September and October. Everyone who buys a subscription during that period gets a chance to win another subscription of their choice.

We entertained all the actives in Omaha at a Christmas brunch and again in June at a picnic. And a number of us attended the annual initiation banquet in Lincoln, at which Virginia Schmid was toast-

This was the very beginning of the now-famous Magazine Agency Skit, written by Susan Stoehr and first performed by the Omaha alumnae chapter. From left: Dorothy Kelleher Bredar (Beta Omicron), Elizabeth MacLennan Chase (Beta Kappa), Susan Stoehr (Rho) and Sue Cartwright Graham (Beta Omicron).





mistress. We had a picnic for our husbands in October. Plans and arrangements were made by Florence Elderton Eggert (Beta Phi) and Nancy King McEachen (Rho). All husbands who had done volunteer work for Theta during the year received certificates proclaiming them "Onery Members of the Men's Auxiliary."

As a result of the success of its several projects during the past year the Omaha chapter has been able to make substantial donations to the Institute of Logopedics, the Omaha Hearing School, the Rho chapter house corporation, the United Community Fund, the Tuberculosis Association and the University of Nebraska Hospital Pediatrics Ward. We also gave Rho chapter five dozen goblets for Christmas and made our annual donation to the Theta Friendship Fund.

To complete a most satisfactory and successful year, Omaha gained 26 new members. Although we were sorry to say good-bye to 18 of our group, we are happy to say that the Omaha alumnae chapter is steadily growing.

Helene Greene Follmer

## PASADENA

Philanthropy has been the key note of the 1955-1956 season for the Pasadena Alumnae chapter. The most illustrious event was the annual benefit given by the Southern California Federation of Kappa Alpha Theta on September 16. The Federation consisting of all alumnae chapters and groups in this Southern California area gather together for one large benefit, this year a luncheon at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and a fashion show of Irene Originals. The decor carried the theme of Irene, being in her "trade-mark" colors of cafe au lait and chalk white, with small glittered fans suspended on the tables in a profusion of chrysanthemums and bronze blooms. Orchids to our own Rose Nelson Harrington (Alpha Mu, Eta) whose untiring efforts so aided this benefit and to Betty Hughes Briggs (Omicron) who acted as mistress of ceremonies.

Christmas time was celebrated by a meeting held at Five Acres (The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society) in Altadena, our local philanthropy. We gathered in the cottage which we sponsor, which houses eight little girls, and marveled at the progress which had been made during the past year in redecoration and refurnishing under the able guidance of Mary Graham Smith (Omega) and Katherine Boothby Reed (Alpha Chi). What had previously been a dim dormitory room was transformed into the confection of strawberry ice cream. Pale pink walls, soft blue bedspreads, sprigged cottage curtains made this room the dream of a little girl's heart. On December 22 a separate Christmas party for the children of our cottage and another cottage of little boys was celebrated around the Christmas tree with gifts and refreshments for all. Edna Polson Philleo (Omicron) was chairman of the party.

The junior alumnae group joined the senior chapter to celebrate Founders' Day at a tea at the home

of Beulah Jane Holeman Titus (Alpha Lambda). Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi) and Caryl Julius Gillies (Omega) presidents of the Seniors and Juniors respectively, greeted the guests, among whom were the honored past presidents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sample (Edna Lee Hind, Beta) opened their beautiful home in Flintridge for the annual "Men's Night," a cocktail supper in April. This occasion we always anticipate with pleasure.

Our president, Mary Heineman Pauly (Beta Xi) has announced with great pleasure that Pasadena received an "Honorary Award" at Convention for our contribution of \$4000 to the Institute of Logopedics, and we are looking forward to another year of service.

Jean Rutherford Talman

## PHILADELPHIA

The 1955-56 season of the Philadelphia alumnae chapter proved to be another busy one. Under the able leadership of our new President Audine Drew Prewitt (Alpha Omicron) our social and money raising events, were all very successful and full of fun.

We got off to a grand start with our first meeting in October. It was our annual chow mein supper at the home of Isabel McCoughan Hundley (Beta Eta) in Bala-Cynwyd. Nancy Grey (Beta Eta) of Bala-Cynwyd gave a very interesting report on District six convention that was held in Pittsburgh in June 1955. The new officers for the coming year were installed by our retiring President Isabel Hundley, President Audine Drew Prewitt, Archivist, Mary McClure Ross (Alpha Delta), corresponding secretary, Elizabeth Hardcastle Mayer (Beta Eta) and editor Anne Byers Burdorfer (Beta Pi).

November found us all going in a caravan style out to the home of Anne Hoehler Stotz (Iota) in Wallingford for a delightful evening in jewelry making. It was skillfully demonstrated by Miriam Jenkins Elsbree (Alpha Beta) and we all came home with new ideas for our hobbies.

Once again in December we were busy packing and selling our fresh Georgia pecans, and like last year it was financially a success and the demand was greater than our supply. This project took the place of our December meeting.

In January we went to Penn Wynne to the charming home of Ruth Blodgett Doolin (Lambda). We had dessert and then saw very interesting colored slides on Mexico and Yucatan.

Our Founders' Day luncheon was held February 11 at the beautiful Bala Golf Club in Philadelphia with Lucille Beattie Grieb (Beta Iota) chairman and Emily Field Johnson (Alpha Iota) Toastmistress. We were indeed fortunate to have as a guest speaker Harriett Kohberger of Pittsburgh, at that time College District President of District Six. Isabel Hundley, our program chairman presented to each of the following members of Alpha Beta chapter, Swarthmore, a golden certificate in recognition of her fifty years in Kappa Alpha Theta. We were also delighted to have present the entire undergraduate chapter at the University of Pennsylvania.



For our March meeting Dorothy Galloway Henderson (Beta Eta) acted as hostess in her new home on Great Springs Road in Bryn Mawr. Dr. Richard A. Brunner, M.D., husband of Roberta Schulz Brunner (Alpha Gamma) of Bala-Cynwyd, gave an informal talk on "Psychiatry In Every Day Living."

In April the alumnae and Beta Eta chapters united in our yearly bridge party for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics and the Beta Eta chapter house. It was held at the Women's Club of Bala-Cynwyd. It was a huge success financially and were entertained with a lovely fashion show.

Our May meeting ended our year's activities. Caroline Hahman Bayfield (Beta Phi) entertained the Beta Eta seniors and alumnae with a box supper at her home in Wyncote. The Town and Country Thetas acted as hostesses. We all wished our president Audine Prewitt much luck on her trip to Banff for convention.

A hearty welcome is extended to all alumnae in our area to join our group, and we are looking forward to seeing many new faces in the fall when we start our 1956-57 season.

Anne Byers Burgdorfer

## PITTSBURGH

The alumnae of Pittsburgh had monthly meetings at the Alpha Omega chapter house on the "Pitt" campus. The highlights of this past year will long be remembered.

In December we had our annual Christmas fireside supper. The chapter house was beautifully decorated in the spirit of the season by the active members of the chapter. After a delicious turkey dinner the actives entertained us with Christmas carols, and Christmas readings by Sheila Cohen, a very talented young lady!

In January we celebrated Founders' Day at the Penn-Sharaton Hotel. Both Alpha Omega and Gamma Theta active chapters join us for this special occasion. We were privileged to have as our speaker, our District Alumnae President, Doris French, from State College, Pa. It was announced at this meeting that one of our charter members, Mary Porter Boss, had passed away.

The biggest event of our year is always the benefit bridge and fashion show which was held at Gateway Center in Pittsburgh's beautiful Golden Triangle. An excellent turnout enjoyed an excellent afternoon. Wouldn't you know that when it came time to draw the ticket for the \$100 cash prize, the president, Mrs. Donald Stewart, drew the ticket with her daughter's name on it!

As a result of this benefit we were able to donate to our local charity, the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, \$800. It was very gratifying later, to be taken through the school by Dr. Alton Kloss, director. We saw the scale model of the new wing that is now being built. The dining room is complete and a plaque on the wall therein acknowledges our chapter as being responsible for having it very nicely furnished. This room is for the little kindergarten

children. After seeing the physical plant, we met some of the children and saw what the school is accomplishing for them. One girl operated a switchboard, another played the piano and sang her own compositions, and all Theta visitors had name cards written in Braille.

One meeting this year was held at the Student Union on the Carnegie Campus, with the Gamma Theta chapter our hostesses. We saw slides of the work being done at the Institute of Logopedics, followed by some very hilarious and talented skits presented by the active chapter.

By way of our interest in our national project, for the first time this year we had a telephone bridge benefit. It cost a dollar per person to play, with the citywide winner getting first prize of \$15. (The winner was not a Theta.) Our efforts on this, our first attempt, enabled us to send the Institute \$200.

The last regular meeting of the year was a picnic at the home of Mrs. Donald Cameron. After a very enjoyable picnic the final business of the year was transacted. The year should have then been at a close. But we still had one extra treat. In June, H. Peden, who has taken up permanent residence at her country home, Far Acres, Bedford, Pa., invited us out for a day in the country. Unfortunately not all of us could make it but reports have it that it was the perfect finish for our Theta Year.

Dorothy Embshoff Rome

## PORTLAND

The first meeting of the Portland Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae group promised a very active year under the able guidance of our new president, Alice Ann Morden.

One of our projects has been the sale of Christmas cards put out by the Institute of Logopedics. This effort is being continued this year, and a large sale is hoped for.

The late fall season will see a busy social calendar and Portland Thetas are scheduling two events. Our president has appointed Annis Oetinger chairman of our November function, which will be a "Flaming Festival." It will involve a number of table displays to be decorated with flaming candles of all sizes and colors. The main theme of these settings is the various holidays throughout the year. Tea will be served the guests, and the sale of candles will boost our budget.

Virginia Mackin is chairman of our other fall event which will be held at the height of the Christmas shopping season. This will be a "Tired Shoppers Cocktail Party." This being a new project for Theta, a great deal of enthusiasm is being expressed for the occasion. The Institute of Logopedics as well as the Tucker Max & Oral School (a local project) will benefit from the profits made on the above-mentioned fund raising projects.

One of the biggest changes seen for Portland Thetas is the plan to divide our senior group members into four separate neighborhood groups. These will meet in their own districts about four times during the year. The other meetings will be as usual,



city-side. This is being done because it is felt our alumnae is getting too large for city-side meetings. It is felt these smaller groups will bring out a greater number of members.

We are looking forward to a very interesting and busy year.

Mary Nancy Lilly

## SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento Valley alumnae chapter opened its season with a luncheon meeting at the home of Annis Stienley Mather (Delta). Assisting with hostess duties were Barbara Dean Thompson (Alpha Omicron), Shirley Scott Gianelli (Alpha Nu) and Kelso Barnett Faget (Alpha Lambda).

Louise Aunger Scurfield (Gamma Xi), our vice-president, ably performed the president's duties replacing Isabelle Patterson Workman (Beta Omega) who moved to Seattle, Washington, last June. Isabelle's attitude and ability will be greatly missed by all.

The focal topic of the business meeting was the report by our delegate, Ann Fisher Stroppini (Beta Iota) on the district convention held in Pasadena. Her dissertation on the convention was indeed inspiring.

Our second annual charity dance slated for November 12 benefiting the Crippled Children Society of Sacramento, was discussed and last minute preparations were made at our October meeting at the home of Nancy Baus O'Connor (Beta Xi). It was decided to use the same general theme as was used last year with Ann Fisher Stroppini acting as chairman. The result was a success. Others on the committee included Joan Howard Burgess (Beta Lambda), JoAnn Cardwell Delaney (Gamma Xi), Mary Kay Slane Extrom (Beta Gamma).

Our November luncheon meeting was held in the home of Ann Fisher Stroppini. We were pleased to see many new faces at this meeting as a result of the much publicized dance. We are especially pleased to see the increasing number of recent graduates in our midst. Another interesting item taken up at this meeting was the presentation of a slate of new officers approved by a vote of the members present. This slate consisted of Louise Aunger Scurfield, president; Mary Kay Sloane Extrom, vice-president; Mariam Rebaleati Willey, recording secretary (Beta Mu); Anita Hincelot Meffley (Beta Mu), treasurer; Barbara Lee Collar (Beta Mu), assistant treasurer; JoAnn Cardwell Delaney, editor; Terry Nagle Strains (Beta Mu) and Marsha Blase Guetling (Gamma Xi), Panhellenic representatives.

December again found us making party plans for the holidays. Under the able chairmanship of Dorothy

Hurley White (Omicron) we had a delightful Christmas party which was held at the Park Terrace Swimming and Tennis Club and attended by members and their husbands or escorts.

Founders' Day luncheon held at the Del Paso Country Club, attracted many more new faces and of course so many of our old friends. The weatherman obliged by providing a typically beautiful California day. Esther Scott Sertich (Phi) performed the candlelighting ceremony and Shirley Scott Gianelli installed the new officers. During a short business meeting which followed, last minute preparations were made for the forthcoming rummage sale.

Something new! The February business meeting held in the home of Dorothy Hurley White was followed by a hobby and "pink elephant" party. The president instigated this as a means of encouraging enthusiasm and interest to our regular meeting. Each member provided a "pink elephant" gift or sample of her hobby which objects ranged from a lovely hand made luncheon cloth to a can of pop-corn. A hilarious time was had by each member and the results were so gratifying (a substantial amount was added to our treasury) that we decided to make this an annual event.

At our April meeting plans were formulated for our annual swimming and barbecue party. Party chairman JoAnne Blood Smith (Beta Mu) appointed her committee and the date was set for July 14.

The closing meeting of the season was held in the home of Helen Little Robinson (Alpha Nu). Invitations were extended to all non-active as well as active members and made the occasion one of reunion for many old friends.

Our swimming party concluded the year's social calendar and Esther Scott Sertich and her husband Joe once again graciously hosted the much anticipated event.

With the year's activities behind us we settle down to vacation time and eagerly await the commencement of the fall program.

JoAnn Cardwell Delaney

## SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio alumnae chapter has had a busy and interesting year. Always a highlight of our activities is the Founders' Day dinner which was held this year in the home of Edith McAllister (Alpha Theta). Everyone enjoyed the reading of some clever poems which gave clues as to the various colleges having chapters represented by our members. When the college was guessed from the hints given, all members of that particular college chapter stood. In our alumnae group 32 chapters are represented.

Have you been reading "My Dad Walt Disney" which started in the "Saturday Evening Post" in November? It's written by his daughter, Diane Disney Miller (Omicron) whose sister, Sharon, is also a Theta. There's been a lot of publicity, well deserved, about this feature via radio, newspaper and television. You'll enjoy it.





Kappa Alpha Theta members admiring the "desert gold" mink stole worn by Jackie Maruchau, are Jane Eiser, left, and Barbara Blair, right. The mink stole was awarded at the San Antonio alumnae benefit dinner dance.

During the Founders' Day ceremony our chain of paper links was added to by 13 additional links for new members entering our chapter. This year our Founders' Day dinner will be held again in the home of Edith McAllister at 6:30 on January 22.

The Austin alumnae group joined us for our March luncheon meeting. We always look forward to greeting our Austin friends and were especially pleased to have among our guests Dorothy McNutt, District Alumnae President.

Our annual picnic and swimming party for our husbands was held in May at the home of Mary Edmiston Balthrope (Alpha Mu). This picnic has become an outstanding event of the year and one which the husbands enjoy as much as we do. The barbecue with all the trimmings served in the patio was an immense success.

In early June a brunch was given for all active Thetas home from college. We are very proud of our actives and the wonderful records and awards they always earn in their various chapters.

Summer was a busy time for all Thetas and our summer rush was a successful one as indicated by the pledging of six girls at Texas University this fall. Also during the summer we were thrilled to learn of an award presented to our chapter. At the awards dinner at Grand Convention in Banff the San Antonio chapter was one of thirteen chapters to receive a certificate awarded to alumnae groups who have contributed more than \$2500 to the Institute of Logopedics.

In September our season's opening luncheon honored the mothers of college Thetas and new pledges. This luncheon has also become an annual affair where we are always happy to meet the mothers of the college girls.

This year a new fund-raising project was started.

A dinner dance was held at the San Antonio Country Club and the star attraction was a beautiful \$1000 "desert gold" mink stole which was awarded to a lucky person holding the winning ticket. Brig. General Tom W. Scott, husband of Marion Davis Scott (Beta Delta), was delegated to draw the winning ticket. From the sale of tickets over \$700 was raised, which was divided equally between the United Fund and the Community Guidance Center. For the third year in a row, Barbara Blair (Alpha Phi) received a prize for selling the most tickets. The beautiful orchid worn by our president Janet Cory Hill (Gamma Deuteron) was admired by everyone and we learned one of our members Lulie Webb Walker (Alpha Eta) grows orchids as a hobby and had presented the orchid to Janet to wear at the dance. We have all enjoyed working together as a group on this project and look forward to another year of work and fellowship.

Jackie Cosner Maruchau

## SAN DIEGO

Under the adept guidance of our president Mrs. Donald Kable the San Diego chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae had a profitable 1955 year.

Our benefit luncheon fashion show held October 27 was a booming success both financially and socially. The theme "Holiday Glitter" was carried throughout the affair by lovely decorations and fall clothes that indeed did glitter. Our local philanthropy, the Donald M. Sharp Memorial Hospital, was more than grateful for our contribution which the entire chapter worked hard to make possible.

Time does go quickly and before we could catch our breath we began planning our Christmas dinner dance. This gala affair was held in December at the Admiral Kidd Officer's Club here in San Diego. Fun was had by all as each captured the real holiday spirit.

In January our Alumnae District President, Virginia Oliver of San Fernando, California, paid us a visit and her enlightening talk helped us realize the importance of our fraternity ideals.

The Founders' Day banquet held in the House of Hospitality on January 27 was one to be remembered. About 300 Thetas attended from here in San Diego and as usual the ritual impressed us all. At



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wrap me your laughter in golden foil  
To glisten on Christmas night;  
Tuck through the bow an engaging smile  
And tie it with silver delight.  
Deep in the box let your kindest thought  
And the moments you're willing to lend  
Nestle together in tissue and crepe  
With a card saying "To my friend."



the closing of the banquet the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at San Diego State College sang many Theta songs and we were all glad to see the spirit that our local college chapter has.

Our May meeting honored the graduating seniors of our college chapter. Each girl was introduced and told of her experiences as a Theta and what she had gained from being a member. We were all impressed with these girls. Following these introductions the alumnae presented skits and needless to say the girls enjoyed our antics.

The wind-up to our year was a refreshing swimming party held at the home of Mrs. Jesse Rust. After the lunch was served we all said reluctant but fond goodbys to each sister and were already looking forward to the opening meeting to be held in the fall.

Elaine Stevenson Sapper

## SAN FRANCISCO

The 1955-1956 activities and meetings of our chapter were under the capable direction of our president, Ruth Cravath, whose pep and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated by all of us. But in May she and her husband and young daughter moved to Trinidad, where Mr. Cravath had been transferred. We were so sorry to see her go and will miss her so very much. However, we have a very fine president in Kitty Bading, who finished out the year for Ruth.

One of our outstanding programs, to which we invited guests, was a tea and style show at Mrs. Frank Girard's beautiful home on Pacific Avenue, which lends charm to any occasion. The styles were by Elizabeth Arden, and our own Dorothy Fahlen and Barbara Julian were models, along with several professionals. It was all very glamorous. After the style show refreshments were served in the dining room with its sweeping view of the Golden Gate.

Perhaps our most successful meeting was a luncheon held at the San Francisco Yacht Club, honoring past presidents of our San Francisco alumnae chapter. They are well scattered by now, but all but four were able to come, one coming from as far away as Los Angeles. There were many happy reunions among the past presidents themselves, as well as with other members. The letters from those who were unable to come were read to us by Margurite Plumb, so we felt in touch with them too. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful idea and hoped we would repeat it in another five or ten years.

Our Founders' Day luncheon was a memorable occasion. The Palo Alto Thetas were hostesses to the San Mateo and San Francisco chapters. We met in the banquet room of "The Chukker," which is in San Mateo. The program was most inspiring and renewed our desires to live up to the wonderful principles and ideals on which Kappa Alpha Theta was founded.

After finishing our year of activities we had the pleasure of being guests of the Marin Thetas at a delightful picnic at Betty Hall's home in Belvidere, and of the San Mateo Thetas at a lovely luncheon at Elaine Ames' home in San Mateo.

This summer an invitation was extended to all

Thetas, who were to be here for the Republican Convention, to a Kaffe Klatch at "Freck" Pennington's home in St. Francis Woods. They were busy with convention activities, but quite a number were able to come. We were so happy to welcome them, and pleased that they could take time from all their other meetings to visit with us.

Our local project has been, for several years, the "Nursery School for Mentally Retarded Children." It fills a special need here, and we are glad to be of help to the school. Each year we have our money making projects to enable us to do our share in supporting our national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics in Kansas, as well as our local project.

We are looking forward to the coming year and hope to see all San Francisco Thetas at the meetings. Any Theta living in San Francisco who has not made herself known to us, won't you please call Mrs. Herman Jobst, FI6-6645? We would like to hear from you, and send you a calendar of our meetings.

Mary Tillotson Beckwith

## SEATTLE

It seems like we were just eagerly counting each bud and leaf appearing on the trees, and now the ground is knee-deep in orange and brown leaves, and we're counting the last few stubborn ones clinging to yon maple tree! Tempus fugit! Or what-have-you. And so we run the reel backward for a nostalgic glimpse of the year just past.

We're rather extra glad that our annual rushing tea was such a magnificent affair, for as Progress catches up with us, it proves to be the last one of its type we will be sponsoring. Informality will be the keynote of future rushing seasons, and though we are somewhat saddened at the thought, we are proud that the grand finale was such a masterpiece of perfection. The rushees must have agreed, for the pledge class was the envy and talk of the campus!

For the first time, our experiment in neighborhood groups was put to the severe test, with fewer central meetings scheduled and a greater portion of responsibility placed on the shoulders of the area organizations. How proudly we can report what a phenomenal success the plan has been. For inspiration we had a brand new project, sponsoring a Creative Arts program for handicapped children of our city, a charity we felt tied in so fittingly with our national philanthropy of Logopedics. With such individuals as Maxine Tryon Keesling who, all by her lonesome, raised over \$150, and Alice Jean Lease Lewis, who gave unsparingly of her time both in promoting the idea and later in carrying out the program and teaching the children, and Lenore McIntyre organizing and encouraging the separate groups, and our president, Pat Herlan Lantow, we just couldn't lose.

This project gained us tremendous newspaper publicity, both from the necessity of the job and the novelty of our approach. It has been such a success that it has since drawn much praise from educators and has received state-wide and even national attention.

Needless to say, such a program created over-



whelming enthusiasm among our membership, and the chapter topped all previous records for paid-up dues! The neighborhood groups out-did themselves with ingenious ways for raising money, having fun and getting acquainted. They found it was lots of fun to know your neighbors, especially when they were Thetas!

Founders' Day luncheon brought everyone together, and again, the turnout was the biggest in years, and tickets were sold out well in advance. "We Who Wear The Kite" was chosen as the theme, and was carried out beautifully in the decorations (each initiate was presented with ivy in a gilded pot, with a hand-painted replica of the pin studded with rhinestones for the twin stars), The Bellevue-East-of-Lake Washington group was in charge of the event, with Jackie Norback Brown as chairman, and their planning drew many compliments. (Under our new organizational system, one or two groups will have charge of the major functions of the year. That way the responsibility will rotate, and we have our committees ready-made!) Our own beloved then-dean of Women at the University of Washington, Leona Saunders Munson, was our inspirational speaker. In all, it was indeed a day to remember.

Spring found us donning our prettiest party clothes for a "social" afternoon atop one of Seattle's skyscrapers with a breathtaking view of our Puget Sound and Olympic mountains. Husbands pitched in and helped serve delicious hors d'oeuvres and cool refreshments on the terrace. Janet Swartz Lord and her committee performed many minor miracles in planning our "white glove affair" (so called to denote the switch from our annual, but grimy, rummage sale), and raised several hundred dollars to aid us in carrying out our many duties and projects.

Even before the last napkin was folded away, members were busily planning a banquet with a sports theme for the Grand Convention at Banff. The main obstacle to all the brilliant ideas offered was how to cram everything into Pat Merlan Lantow's car! But by this time all those minor difficulties have been resolved, for Convention has come and gone, and Pat has undoubtedly bluffed her way through customs both coming and going! Ah well, we eagerly await our delegate's report, for the last lone leaf is ready to fall, and another year is before us to challenge our ingenuity and imagination. We'll welcome her portfolio of ideas to help make it another memorable year in this album of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Lolly Noonan Durkan

## SPOKANE

In September a mixed group of actives and alumnae launched the first of many interesting and eventful meetings for the Spokane alumnae chapter. Edna Herrington Brooks (Beta Theta), our president, gave a most colorful report of Grand Convention and consequently we were all full of inspiration and enthusiasm for the coming year.

Our local philanthropy chosen for the year was the Spokane Rehabilitation Center. We tried to alleviate their great need by contributing our Christmas money

for supplies and our time in giving them a party that was greatly enjoyed by all.

Funds from our recipe box bought yarn to make a knitted afghan which we sent to the Institute of Logopedics along with our yearly contribution made possible by the sale of our own original Christmas cards.

In November, Mary Harvey Gardner (Beta Theta) our philanthropy chairman, appeared on a local television program and gave a most well-planned talk about our national philanthropy. In telling of the Institute of Logopedics and the great work being done there, we all felt she did an excellent job in giving the television viewers a realistic picture of our interest in these speech-handicapped children and their recovery which is made possible largely through contributions from Kappa Alpha Theta.

December was highlighted by two very nice annual events. On the ninth, the Panhellenic Ball was held at the Davenport Hotel. Kappa Alpha Theta, being one of the largest alumnae groups in Spokane, always has a great many members and their husbands attending. On the afternoon of the twenty-ninth we gave our Christmas tea at the lovely home of Mary Bell Bennett Backlund (Alpha Sigma). Meeting our new pledges and their mothers is very enjoyable as is renewing acquaintances with our active members.

January twenty-sixth, we celebrated Founders' Day with dinner at the Spokane Club. After the traditional candlelighting ceremony the program commenced with Shirley McBride Pozzi (Alpha Lambda) doing an amusing "take off" on certain traditions typical of the many different Theta chapters represented in our alumnae group. This was followed by a very interesting and enlightening film about the work being done at the Institute.

A style show was held in March at the Ridpath Hotel for Thetas and their guests. Members modeled attractive spring styles from Ann's Apparel Shop and following the program, dessert and coffee were served.

Our meeting in May was devoted to the installation of officers. They are: Edna Herrington Brooks (Beta Theta), president; Janice Gifford Berghan (Alpha Xi), vice-president; Carol Taylor Dodds (Alpha Lambda), recording secretary; Joan Kulzer Miller (Beta Theta), corresponding secretary; Joan Elkins McWilliams (Beta Theta), treasurer; Patricia Sheely Conley (Alpha Sigma), assistant treasurer; Shirley McBride Pozzi (Alpha Sigma), editor; Jeane Paine Greene (Alpha Sigma), archivist.

With another busy season already in progress there is every indication that this year will be equally as interesting and successful as last year.

Shirley McBride Pozzi

## ST. LOUIS

Each fall the St. Louis alumnae chapter wonders if it can possibly live up to the standards set by the previous year. 1955 and 1956 proved to be no exception, but by the end of the year all doubts had vanished. It was truly a successful year in every sense of the word.



The highlight of the year was our Founders' Day luncheon at the Missouri Athletic Club. It was of special interest to St. Louisans since it not only celebrated the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta, but also commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the Alpha Iota chapter at Washington University (St. Louis). In keeping with the fifty year theme the room was decorated in gold and white and huge anniversary cakes adorned each table. The most delightful features of the day were the talks given by Mary Hamilton West and Elma Nipher Dawson, both of whom were members of the original Alpha Iota chapter. Their accounts of college life for the coed of fifty years ago were so witty and entertaining that all who were there hated to see the afternoon come to an end. The alumnae chapter took advantage of this opportunity to award plaques to several members who had been active Thetas for fifty years. Those receiving the plaques were Mrs. West, Mrs. Dawson, Lois Meier Toensfeldt, Vida Gruner Moss, Isla Sloan Anderson, Mrs. Oliver Leutcher, Elinor Hall Horner, and Mrs. Hallon. So as not to neglect Theta's youth, all of Alpha Iota's initiates were introduced to the alumnae, and as is our custom a sorority pin was awarded to the pledge who had maintained the highest scholastic average.

Using a circus background as a decorative theme the annual Theta Talent Sale reached new heights of success. In one short afternoon sales of handmade products totaled almost two thousand dollars. A check for one thousand dollars was sent to the Institute of Logopedics. This year for the first time we have also taken a financial interest in a local organization. As in our national philanthropy we chose to aid children of every race and creed by donating the remaining money to the Council for Girl Scouts of the Greater St. Louis Area. Our gifts will be used to construct an Adirondack's shelter to be used by girls on overnight hikes.

Excellent programs for our monthly meetings and our husband and guest night added greatly to the success of the past year. However, much of the credit is due to the able leadership of our president, Vassar Morelock Armstrong. Now with our new president, Virginia Cook Leutwiler, we are looking forward to another busy year.

Emily Sankey Moore

## ST. PAUL

The St. Paul alumnae began a very successful year by having a joint meeting with the Minneapolis Thetas and the Twin City junior Thetas at the chapter house. Fall rushing plans were completed and the chapter's program for the coming year was outlined.

The fall months found Thetas working hard on projects for the benefit of Theta's national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kansas. A style show featuring furs for the coming season

was held in September and after the Purdue-Minnesota football game St. Paul, Minneapolis and Twin City junior Thetas sponsored an "After the Game Buffet." In November, St. Paul Thetas conducted a very successful talent and white elephant sale.

December found the St. Paul Thetas full of Christmas spirit and all alums brought children's gifts to the Christmas party and later distributed them to the children at Ancker City Hospital. As an added Christmas package, Helen LaShelle Gardner (Beta Kappa) showed films taken on her recent trip to Europe.

With the beginning of a new year, our attention was centered around plans for our Founders' Day banquet of which we were hostesses to the college chapter, the Minneapolis Thetas, and the Twin City junior Thetas at the women's City Club in St. Paul. Mrs. Pierce Atwater (Upsilon) acted as toastmistress for the occasion and a musical program was presented by Julie Waldo MacGregor (Upsilon) along with a skit and songs by the college chapter.

During the remainder of the year St. Paul Thetas worked hard on entertainment plans and preparing decorations for Grand Convention. St. Paul Thetas who attended Grand Convention in June were: Clara MacKenzie Bierman (Upsilon), State Chairman; Josephine Hamblin Keller (Alpha Gamma), our president and alumnae chapter delegate; Margaret Knapp Rosenberry (Upsilon); and Mary Smith Healey (Beta Chi).

Activities for the year were climaxed with a talent sale in May and a picnic at Olive O'Neill Ward's (Upsilon) home at Stillwater in June.

With a successful year behind us we are looking forward to the challenges of the coming year under the able leadership of Jo Keller.

Faye L. Cary

## SYRACUSE

Highlighting the 1955-56 program of the Syracuse alumnae chapter was a Couples' Party in May at the home of Marion Linville Talbot—an enjoyable "first" in the social calendar. Dancing, games, refreshments, and a hilarious white-elephant sale contributed to a memorable evening for both alums and husbands.

The traditional box luncheon at the home of Betty Fearon O'Day opened the fall season. Here reports indicated successful sponsorship by the chapter of a performance of "Guys and Dolls" at a local summer theater. Plans were defined for the annual rummage sale which, under the chairmanship of Dede Kasberger, raised funds for Logopedics.

In October, the McCarthy School for Handicapped Children was adopted as our local philanthropy. This resulted from an evening's interesting discussion with Mrs. Edith Romano, director of the Association for Help of Retarded Children.

Chi birthday brought alums and active Thetas together in a "Dollar and a Dish" supper. Each alum

Too many of us draw an audience before we've drawn a conclusion.



contributed a covered dish and a dollar toward the chapter budget, and everyone enjoyed the variety of foods offered.

Close relationship with the active members and pledges was established through an "alum sister" program capably planned by Patricia Roden McGrath. In addition to an active "big sister" each pledge received an "alum sister" who gave her an off-campus home. In November, pledges and "alum sisters" gathered for a social evening to begin the program.

The yearly Christmas party for children of alumnae was gay with animal cookies and ice-cream, gifts from Santa, and movies. A festive tree in the chapter house provided the Yuletide atmosphere.

Alumnae gathered in the home of Joy Pulver Cooney in January to entertain the Mothers' Club. A strip film showing the work at the Institute of Logopedics highlighted the evening. Each one there felt proud to belong to Theta as supporters of such humanitarian work.

In February, actives and alums gathered in the chapter house to observe Founders' Day and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Syracuse alumnae chapter. To the delight of everyone, memories of the founding of the chapter in 1905 were recalled by Mabel Parker Stilwell, first alumnae president, and Lena Hoose Markham, one of the founders.

Ruth Jones Kimber was hostess at the March meeting when Dede Kasberber was elected president. In April, the new officers presided over the business meeting following the annual spring luncheon, when Florence Wille Barton opened her home for an entertaining afternoon.

The June banquet ended the year's activities. Alums from as far as California came to attend the formal dinner and to renew old friendships within the chapter house walls. Chi's graduating seniors and fifty-year members were honored, and the success of the program was accomplished under the chairmanship of Sue Marsh Johnston.

With evidence of cooperation and hard work written into fond memories of the 1955-56 season, the Syracuse alumnae chapter looks forward to another successful year.

Jean Selig Summers

## TACOMA

An extremely interesting and educational trip was taken during the autumn of 1955 by one of our outstanding Theta alums, Mrs. George Boldt (Eloise Baird of Alpha Nu), and her husband, Federal Judge George Boldt. The couple received a personal invitation from United States Attorney General Herbert Brownell to attend the International Conference on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders, held in Geneva, Switzerland. Judge Boldt is recognized as one of the United States' most informed men on penal institutions with progressive ideas on rehabilitation of prisoners. A personal tour of three of the country's most outstanding institutions was arranged for Eloise Boldt, before leaving for Geneva, by Mr. James Barrett, head of Federal Prisons in the United States. These were located at Ashland, Kentucky, Washington, D.C., and Alderson, West Virginia.

During the conference in Geneva, Eloise Boldt also took part in many meetings on juvenile delinquency. Sixty-three countries were represented, many delegates attending in their native dress. For those delegates not speaking English, the interpreter phones, such as are used at the United Nations, were available.

Following the two week conference, the couple flew to fourteen European countries and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as carefree tourists. As a result of this marvelous trip, the alumnae group enjoyed a most informative talk and many breathtaking colored slides upon the return of Eloise.

Our alumnae group, as a result of an unusually



Eloise Baird Boldt (right) with her family after attending the International Conference on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders in Switzerland with her husband, Judge George Boldt.



successful rummage sale and other smaller fund raising projects, were able to present a \$150 scholarship to a deserving girl at the College of Puget Sound, donate \$50 to the Pierce County Welfare at Christmas time, \$50 apiece to both Alpha Sigma and Alpha Lambda chapters, besides our national project. This year we are donating at least \$50 (depending on the financial success of our rummage sale) to the newly installed Theta chapter at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, for help in buying furnishings. As a new local project, we are collecting items, clothing, and donating a check to a group of emotionally disturbed children at Western Washington State Hospital located at Steilacoom, Washington.

**Clarice Hall Heinrick**

## TOLEDO

Having returned from a wonderful convention, Nelle Weber McClenahan, our new president, is all fired up for '56-57.

The past year was a good one for Toledo Thetas. Thanks to our own Ruth Fisher Rugaber and to the Dallas, Texas, Thetas, we were able to send \$200 to the Institute. We sold the original Christmas card of Dallas here in Toledo. It is amazing the interest created by these few words: "Speech-handicapped children have been benefited from the sending of this card."

If the roof of Mary Van Brunt Robinson's garage ever leaked her neighbors would get a real shock. It is there that she stores a detergent which is purchased by loyal Thetas. Profit from these sales keeps us out of the red locally.

Some time ago we all agreed to give of our time and energy to some local project. As a result we adopted the Toledo Child and Family Agency. I should say they adopted our Janet Haas Waltz. She has done such a good job that she was appointed to their Board of Directors. In 1955 we worked 656 hours (not including driving babies to the clinic). So far in '56 we have 400 volunteer hours. Thetas sew all sorts of baby clothes and knit the dearest tiny things. We refurbished a bassinet and beautified a doll house. There's lots to do for them.

At Christmas time we entertained our husbands at an open house at Ruth Fisher Rugaber's. Ruth and Dick were charming hostess and host and the party was so successful we hope to make it an annual affair.

In January we were visited by our Alumnae District President, Morton Gusweiler. It was a short and informal visit. There was great discussion on rushing and as a result we now have a Rush Recommendation Board of which Mrs. Dale Harrah is chairman. The job has involved many writing and telephone hours. Thanks, Rosie, for a job well done.

Bev Lavender Dalton has been our program chairman and came up with a novel theme based on "A Noble Womanhood." Skits by members created the setting with lively discussion periods following. We can't say for sure that valuable information was exchanged but at least we all were stimulated to think. Our hopes and dreams as well as our fears and prob-

lems are somewhat the same—ultimately reaching for that "Noble Womanhood."

**Mildred Green Boggs**

## TOPEKA

The 1955-1956 season for our Topeka alumnae chapter started out enthusiastically with a meeting in September at which the alumnae met the new pledges of the Alpha Upsilon active chapter and Esther Mary McLaughlin, our President, gave the Convention report.

In October we had a rummage sale and made money to send a delegate to Grand Convention and for gifts. On October 28 Thetas and friends, dressed as ghosts and witches, held a Halloween Dance, with Carla Sweet Tilford and Diane Logan Copeland as co-projects chairmen, and the proceeds, amounting to about \$500, were sent to the Wichita Institute of Logopedics. We celebrated Founders' Day with a banquet and had dessert meetings and luncheons the other months in homes of alumnae and at the Alpha Upsilon chapter house.

We ended the season with a picnic in May at the park at which the active chapter of Alpha Upsilon and their housemother were the guests of the Topeka alumnae. A good time was had by all and memories were revived as everyone divided into pledge classes and sang pledge class songs.

The Alpha Upsilon Association, with Ruth Hunter Amsbaugh as chairman, had the Alpha Upsilon chapter house repainted and Esther Mary McLaughlin made curtains for the dining room and other decorating was done.

The Topeka alumnae chapter is now looking forward to carrying out plans for projects and programs during the 1956-1957 season.

**Helen Griffith Minter**

## TORONTO

The activities of Toronto alumnae chapter for the 1955-56 season began with a picnic at the country home of Helen O'Reilly. Her home is called "Delphinium" and the name gives some hint of the ideal setting and beautiful flowers we enjoyed.

Highlight of the season was the presentation of our first Fifty Year Awards. We held a buffet supper at Catherine Scroggie's and were pleased to have with us four of our fifty year Thetas. A very happy evening was spent with Mabel Steele Grubbe, Edith Van der Smitten Henderson, Dr. Mary Lee Edward and Nora Thompson de Pencier reminiscing about the early days of Sigma.

In November we had our annual bridge in aid of our foster child, Zophia, at the home of Marjorie Troop. As usual our members were most generous.

The Founders' Day banquet, held at the Granite Club, was a huge success as more people turned out for it than for some seasons past, and we were most fortunate to have with us our district president, Nan Martin. A very enjoyable sherry party was held at the home of Frances Stewart preceding the banquet.

Our February meeting at Elizabeth MacLennan's was



most interesting. The speaker, Miss Olvin Chappelle, of the John Austin Travel Agency made us all want to save up for that long-dreamed-of trip.

The annual meeting at Margaret Ament's was highlighted by Norma Taylor's account of her trip to the West Indies and her very beautiful coloured movies. At this meeting Kit Stockwell, our president, was elected delegate to Grand Convention and we eagerly await her report of that event at our first fall meeting.

Kay O'Brien Dewan

## TUCSON

The Tucson alumnae chapter started the year 1955-1956 in October, with a patio supper in honor of the new pledges of Beta Delta chapter of the University of Arizona.

December seventh, a coffee was given honoring all resident and visiting Thetas together with the Mother's Club of Beta Delta, the University of Arizona active chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, as special guests. The coffee was given at the home of Mrs. W. A. Dinsmore, and it is expected to become a yearly affair.

We observed our Founders' Day in February at the Theta house. The President presented the Founders' Day ceremony and a skit was presented by the pledges of Beta Delta.

The highlight of the year was the joint meeting with the Phoenix alumnae in Chandler, Arizona, at the San Marquis Hotel in March. Cocktails were served in the gardens of this hotel and afterwards luncheon was served in the banquet room. After dinner, a very inspirational talk was given by Betty Oliver, District Alumnae President of Kappa Alpha Theta, about what Theta should mean to alumnae. A very lovely time was had by everyone and the Phoenix and Tucson chapters are hoping to continue the meeting each year.

In May, the annual Senior Party was held at the home of Mrs. Frank O'Reilly, in the form of a patio supper. All graduating seniors were given a remembrance of their days at the University of Arizona and were welcomed into the alumnae chapter. With this evening, the alumnae chapter ends the program for the current year.

Mrs. Edward J. Gilbert

## TULSA

The attendance at the 1955-56 monthly meetings has been splendid. The alumnae meetings have been held in the homes of the members rather than at the lodge and interesting programs had been planned. The financial burden of the Gamma Tau lodge has been met through individual and small group projects and the junior group dance. The projects were interesting and varied: baby sitting for friends, sale of handmade Christmas gifts, sale of shelled pecans, rent of silver service, etc. The chapter participated in the sale of Christmas glasses, social capers, and silver polish.

In the spring the chapter voted to form a junior and a senior group. Three of the nine monthly meetings will be held jointly. The junior group will sponsor a yearly benefit dance as well as cooperate with the senior group in other financial projects. The two groups will work together on rush.

The alumnae chapter feels just like a proud mama—the birth and growth of the Gamma Tau chapter in the first five years is astounding. At last our child has made it—the 1955-56 Theta National Scholarship Award.

We are looking forward to another successful and satisfying year in 1956-57.

Marianne Widener Casper

## WICHITA

"It was a lot of work; but it was worth it." That's the way over 100 Thetas of the Wichita alumnae chapter feel about their very successful Country Store Bazaar. It was the first time in many years that we had undertaken a really big money-making project. We had all grown more than a little bored with rummage sales and felt we needed some venture that would draw all the members of our large group together in a united effort. Peggy Roberts Browning and Delores Martinson Matz, as chairmen, planned the affair so efficiently and thoroughly that all went smoothly. Our profits were two-fold; \$652.60 donated to the Institute of Logopedics and a new spirit of enthusiasm and participation within the chapter.

Three VIP's came our way in September. Hazel Beil, Grand First Vice-President; Mary X. Plummer, Philanthropy Chairman, and Alice Gonser, Grand Alumnae Secretary were here visiting the Institute.

In May we gave a get-acquainted coffee for the new Thetas. An excellent way, we think, to introduce the new members to the chapter and to their new role as alumnae.

Gerry Storandt Fulton

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

A buffet supper never fails to draw a large crowd, so Washington, D.C. alumnae got off to a good start—attendance wise and otherwise, on October 11 in Jean Grasett Kelly's spacious modern-styled home at Tulip Hill, Maryland.

Gladys Morris McDonnell (Tau) program chairman for the year, wanted to try something different so in November there was no meeting but, instead, a money making get-together, with guests, at the Potomac Electric Power Company Playhouse. Tickets were sold and a tidy little profit was made over and above the nominal sum requested by PepCo for furnishing an interesting program related to home making, and a delicious lunch.

Although many had looked forward to a December party, plans had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the rush and demands of the season.

The next event was, therefore, the Founders' Day luncheon held on January 21, at the beautiful Shoreham Hotel in the residential section of Washington. Our very special speaker, Theta Laura Lou Brock-



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### Caroline Stanley



At the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C., in the Office of the Adjutant General, there are three librarians who are called "Library advisors to the Army." Their job is to direct the operation of the Army's more than 500 post and hospital libraries within the United States and abroad, in France, Germany, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, and wherever American troops are stationed. One of these librarians is Caroline Stanley (Beta Delta, 1933).

After graduation at the University of Arizona in 1933, Caroline went on to Columbia University in New York City, receiving a degree in library science in 1934. She began her library career at the Washington, D.C., Public Library where she worked until the war, and then went into Government service. Among her assignments has been a tour in Sydney, Australia, with the Department of State in 1947, and one in Hawaii with the Department of the Navy.

In her present position as library advisor to

the Army, her duties are varied. One of them involves visiting libraries at Army posts, camps, stations and hospitals to ascertain that the library service is up to professional library standards and carried out in accordance with Army regulations and directives. Based upon findings in the field as a result of inspection trips, she reports to the Chief, Special Services Division Office of the Adjutant General, and makes recommendations on ways to improve the library service, if needed. The writing of training aids and manuals on the operation of Army post libraries is another of her duties.

Caroline assists in the selection of new books which go into the monthly book kit for Army libraries. New titles about to be published are reviewed each month for Army libraries from galleys of pre-publication copies by the library advisors, and then a selection of 25 new titles, fiction and nonfiction, is made. This kit of books reaches Army libraries at the same time new books reach the bookstands, thus assuring Army libraries of a modicum of new books each month. For book purchasing done at post level by the post librarian, the Adjutant General's Office prepares and distributes bibliographies on many subjects, which assist the librarian in making her purchase orders. Caroline has just completed one such bibliography—on foreign language dictionaries and texts.

There are at present 389 professional librarians in the Army Special Services libraries throughout the world. Caroline says, "The Army Library Program is one of the finest careers I know of for young librarians. It gives them an opportunity to use every phase of their library education, to travel the world over, and to be of inestimable service to their Government. What more could you ask?"

#### • Mildred Benton

*Washington Alumnae Chapter*

man, managing editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, drew a crowd of 180. She described, in most entertaining fashion, some of her experiences in the publishing field.

Continuing her efforts to do something different, our program chairman took us in February to the Textile Museum for a tour and lecture, followed by tea at the nearby apartment of Helen Baldwin Tormoen (Upsilon).

A surprise guest at the March evening business meeting, at the home of Marian Storrey Schravessande (Eta) was College District XVI President, Ruth

Hager, here to meet with the Maryland and George Washington University active chapters.

Maude Shepherd Cook (Alpha Psi) opened her beautiful Rollingwood home for the April meeting which was devoted to a worthwhile Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company program called "Your Voice and You."

The season closed, as it opened, with a buffet supper, this time at Gertrude Healey Shorb's (Alpha Pi) large and lovely home where springtime was at its best. As is usual in May, Maryland and George Washington University graduating seniors were



alumnae club guests and were presented with gifts.

Special mention should be made of the many and varied philanthropic activities in which Thetas participated during the year. They manned the Society for Crippled Children Booth, for one day during the Armory Flower Show; they held a very successful 4-day Rummage Sale under the expert direction of Helen Baldwin Tormoen (Upsilon); and a committee headed by Lucy Seaman Borth (Kappa) sold more Henri Fayette Christmas cards than in any previous year. The proceeds from the last mentioned events go to the Institute for Logopedics where the Washington, D.C. alumnae chapter has established the first \$500 scholarship.

Mildred Benton

## YAKIMA

The Yakima alumnae chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta has had a very successful year under the leadership of Mary Darling Strausz, Alpha Lambda. We have endeavored to balance our work and play activities and to change our projects each year. We feel

that in this manner we maintain an active and congenial group.

We sponsored two bake sales and were very pleased with the results. The profits financed our contribution to our national philanthropy and also sent five handicapped children from our city to a specialized summer camp. The children were so thrilled and grateful to us, that we are hoping to send even more children next year.

Founders' Day was observed at a dinner meeting. Everyone enjoyed a skit telling the story of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta. The program was presented by Jill Chamberlain Lewis, Alpha Lambda; Barbara Nelson Schultz, Alpha Sigma; Barbara Sanders Rankin, Alpha Sigma, and Jean Hall Lewis, Alpha Lambda.

Our group has over fifty members now so we are anticipating bigger and better things for the future. We do so enjoy working for Theta in our community and feel that in our small way we are contributing not only to the strength of Kappa Alpha Theta but to the fraternity system as a whole.

Rosemary Eschbach Homes

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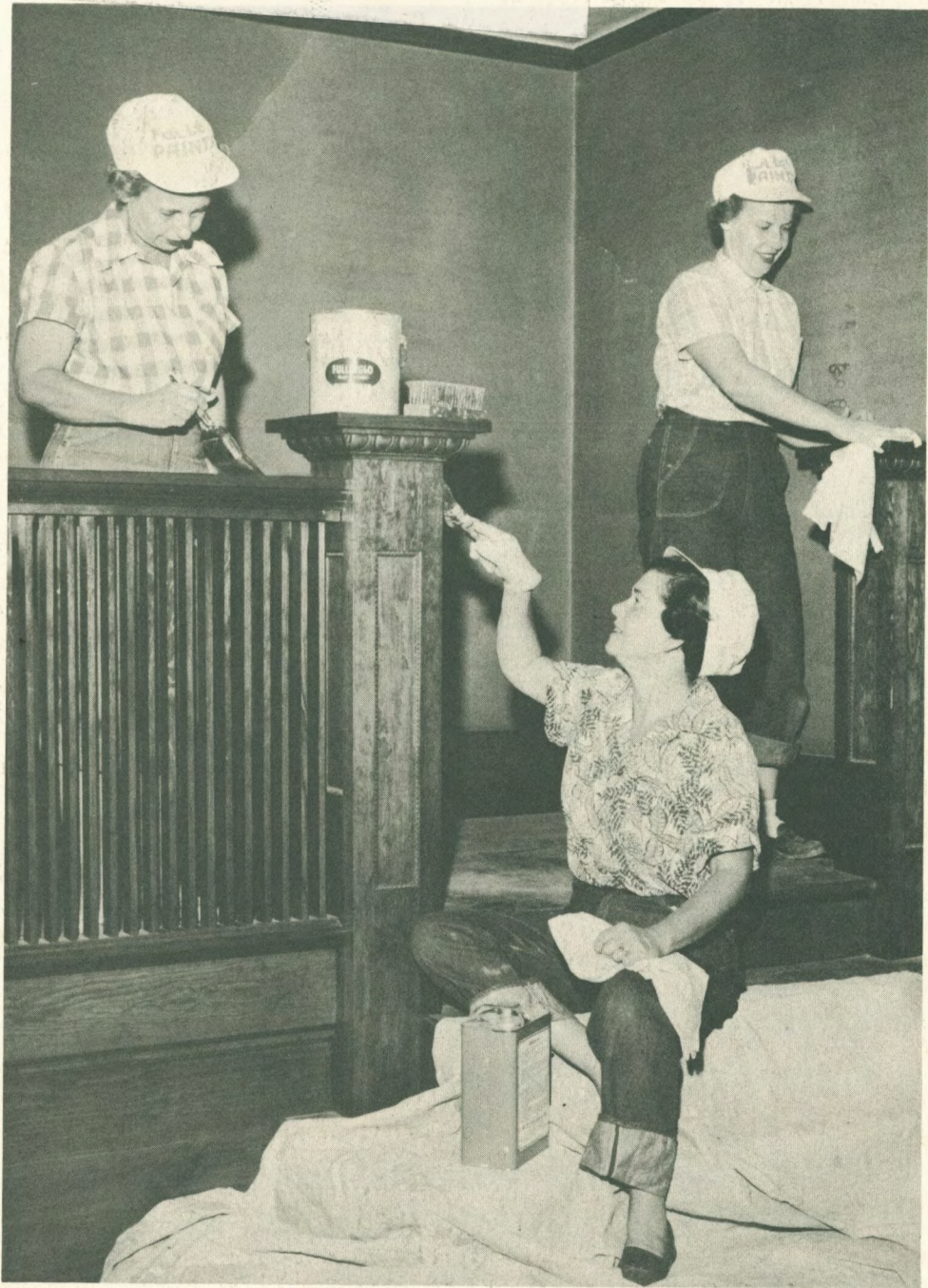
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